

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 41ST ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Korean American Community Services (KACS) for more than 40 years of commitment to helping Korean Americans in the greater Chicagoland area.

On the eve of their 41st Annual Benefit Gala, it is fitting to pay tribute to an organization dedicated to fostering open, vibrant communities. Through a vast array of services, KACS has helped thousands of Korean Americans become active members of their communities.

KACS has been able to benefit its more than 7,000 annual clients in many ways, with programs in early education, public health, legal services, computer skills, the arts and much more.

As the needs of their clients have evolved over the years, so too have their methods.

Information technology and public health programs have grown in demand and therefore grown in scope over recent years. As more and more of our economy depends on technological savvy and broad education, KACS has expanded computer courses and grown their Early Childhood Center into a national leader.

The KACS Community Technology Center serves more than 1,000 immigrants and low-income individuals, and the broad reach of these programs is equaled only by their high quality. These services are only a snapshot of the total offered for toddlers through seniors.

KACS helps mold strong, active, engaged members of the community, and we are lucky to enjoy their services in the Tenth District.

HONORING THE TOWN OF ST. ALBANS, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the town of St. Albans, Maine, as they celebrate their community's bicentennial.

Like many of Maine's early settlements, the Town of St. Albans began as part of Massachusetts and has been in existence longer than the State of Maine itself. In 1794, the land first known as Township No. 5—located in the 4th range of townships, north of the Waldo patent in the county of Somerset—was surveyed and in 1799, it was purchased by the renowned Boston doctor, John Warren. While its name changed several times from

Township 5 to Berlin, and then to Fairhaven, this community would later be incorporated on June 14, 1813, as the town of St. Albans and it became the 199th town in the District of Maine.

This weekend, the people of St. Albans will celebrate the bicentennial of their town filled with the same local spirit and sense of common purpose that filled those first residents who first petitioned to have their community recognized. The residents of St. Albans embody the values of the hardworking people of Maine and can take great pride in the rich heritage they have created over the past 200 years.

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of St. Albans in Congress, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to help the town celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of St. Albans and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.

H.R. 1919 THE SAFEGUARDING AMERICA'S PHARMACEUTICALS ACT OF 2013

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1919, the Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013. Currently, there exists a patchwork of state regulations that provide for uneven detection of contaminated drugs and falsified medicines. Recognizing this, the Institutes of Medicine (IOM) recommend in a February 2013 report that "Congress should authorize and fund the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a mandatory track-and trace system." The Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013 makes important progress in providing for a national standard of tracing medicines electronically through the supply chain. We should be doing all that we can to ensure the security and authenticity of all medicines in the United States. The enhanced drug distribution security required by this legislation provides manufacturers with important protections against counterfeit drugs as well as increases patient safety for American consumers.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense

and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Chair, I rise to discuss my amendment, number 104, to H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014." I would like to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for accepting this amendment in en bloc amendment number five.

This technical amendment would improve Section 1036 of the underlying bill, which requires the President to provide information to Congress as to which organizations it believes are affiliates or adherents of Al-Qaeda, the reasoning justifying such designation, and whether each group constitutes an associated force that is engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners. My amendment addresses the latter part of this assessment dealing with so-called "associated forces" affiliated with Al-Qaeda or the Taliban.

The 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force passed shortly after the 9/11 attacks has been interpreted by the last two Administrations as authorizing war between the United States and Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and co-belligerent "associated forces." Although we clearly know who Al-Qaeda or the Taliban are, it is unclear which organizations the Executive Branch is referring to when referencing "associated forces." This absence of transparency as to the government's application of this legal concept allows for the possibility that the United States could rely on the AUMF as a broad, nearly limitless source of authority for military operations, including drone strikes, against groups that have little to no connection to the September 11 attacks in places like Mali, Somalia, or even Syria.

It is my understanding that Section 1036 of the bill attempts to address this ambiguity by attempting to discern the Administration's thinking about which groups it considers engaged in hostilities against our country. Unfortunately, it is unclear if Section 1036 is asking for information about "associated forces" for the purposes of interpreting the 2001 AUMF or simply seeking information about groups that affiliate with Al-Qaeda or the Taliban in a different context. This distinction is critically important, because the United States is only technically at war with "associated forces" covered by the 2001 AUMF and not with groups that have some other affiliation with Al-Qaeda or the Taliban.

My amendment eliminates this ambiguity by explicitly requiring the President to provide information about organizations it considers to be "associated forces" for the purposes of interpreting this war authorization. In doing so, it should help the Congress understand the scope of this outdated law, which has been interpreted by the Executive Branch and the courts in an overbroad manner, and ensure that it is not being used to justify uses of force unauthorized by and inconsistent with Congress, the Constitution, and international law.

Again, I thank my colleagues for supporting my amendment.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Chair, I am pleased to offer this simple bipartisan amendment with Reps. WOLF and SCHNEIDER to expand an existing report required by Section 1242 of the bill. The amendment clarifies that the report ought to include information on how the Egyptian military is supporting the rights of individuals involved in civil society and democratic promotion efforts through non-governmental organizations or NGOs.

This is a timely issue, given the guilty verdict rendered by an Egyptian court June 4th against 43 NGO workers—including 17 Americans—because of their involvement with pro-democracy groups. The guilty verdict renews concerns about Egypt's commitment to democratic principles. In fact, I am circulating a bipartisan letter with my Virginia colleague, Rep. WOLF, urging Egyptian President Morsi to immediately reconsider this action and permit the NGOs to continue their important work. So far, more than 50 Members of Congress have signed our bipartisan letter, including Rep. SCHNEIDER, who also cosponsored this amendment.

The United States supports the aspirations of the Egyptian people to become a free and fair society, in which all NGOs—regardless of their nation of origin—are allowed to operate freely. I hope that Egyptian officials will come to this same realization and return property confiscated from the NGOs 18 months ago, remove their staff from the no-fly list, and permit them to continue their work supporting a fair and open election process and helping to improve the lives of all Egyptians.

If the U.S. government and the American people are to have any confidence that the Egyptian government is undertaking a genuine transition to a democratic state, under civilian control, where the freedoms of assembly, association, religion, and expression are guaranteed and the rule of law is upheld, then we must see a swift and satisfactory resolution to this case.

As my colleagues will recall, this ordeal began a year and a half ago, when Egyptian forces raided both American and non-American NGO offices. During the raids, Egyptian forces seized records, computers, other electronic equipment, and hard currency. At every turn Egyptian authorities assured the NGOs and U.S. authorities that the situation would be appropriately resolved, only to renege on their word. For example, three days after the raids, U.S. NGOs were waiting for the return of their confiscated property as promised by Field Marshal Tantawi while simultaneously, another Egyptian official—Fayza Abou Naga, the government minister in charge of coordinating foreign aid—was holding a press con-

ference saying the property would not be returned. Abou Naga also accused the NGOs of illicitly funneling money to the April 6th Youth Movement.

When I traveled to Egypt in March of last year, my colleagues and I raised the issue of the NGOs with General Tantawi. During that trip, we also met with the Egyptian staffers who were facing charges. They were in a precarious position, and their situation has only worsened with the June 4th verdict.

We cannot in good conscience ignore the results of the recent trial, which comes on the heels of a draft law that further restricts NGOs, fails to meet Egypt's international commitments with respect to freedom of association, and lends credence to the opinion that there is an ongoing war against civil society in Egypt.

U.S. law with regard to this issue is clear in the restrictions placed on the \$1.3 billion in military aid for Egypt:

Prior to the obligation of funds appropriated by this Act under the heading 'Foreign Military Financing Program,' the Secretary of State shall certify to the Committees on Appropriations that the Government of Egypt is supporting the transition to civilian government including holding free and fair elections; implementing policies to protect freedom of expression, association, and religion, and due process of law.

With the current state of affairs in Egypt, any such certification that Egypt is, in fact, implementing policies to guarantee the pillars of a free society would be met with skepticism. That is why news reports of Sec. Kerry's recent action to waive the restrictions on that military aid are of particular concern. It is not too late to include these important NGO issues in a larger discussion about releasing (or withholding) other tranches of money to Egypt.

Our amendment would further support the transition to democracy by requiring the Pentagon report on how Egyptian military activities contribute to an atmosphere where pro-democracy NGOs can operate freely. I encourage my colleagues to support the Connolly/Wolf/Schneider amendment and to sign the related letter to President Morsi of Egypt.

**CANCEL THE SEQUESTER: LET
HERIBERTO LEÓN DO HIS JOB**

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to tell my colleagues about one of my constituents, Heriberto León, who wrote recently to explain the real-life consequences of the sequester, for him and for our country.

Mr. León is not asking Congress for much—he simply wants to be able to do his job as an EPA community involvement coordinator, helping to improve access to clean air and clean water for communities in the Chicagoland area.

My constituent spends his day providing information to communities that are dealing with well water contamination from benzene. He is working to address the environmental and health consequences of pollution, effects that are particularly harmful to children and older Americans. He obviously enjoys his work and he is making a real contribution.

Mr. León is not trying to enrich himself—in fact, he took a \$20,000 pay cut when he took his EPA job in 2010 and has been living with a three-year pay freeze. It is clear to me that, like so many Federal workers, he is committed to serving the public. And, like so many Federal workers, he cannot understand why he is unable to do his job and is being asked to take an additional personal, financial hit because of the sequester.

Mr. León is being asked to take 13 furlough days, because of the arbitrary and harsh impacts of the across-the-board sequester cuts. That's about a \$4,000—11% pay cut. We need people like Heriberto León at EPA, and I worry how we will be able to attract and retain dedicated Federal workers when they are faced with furloughs and budget cuts that prevent them from fulfilling their mission and impose serious financial hardships on them.

I hope that my colleagues will take the time to read Mr. León's full letter and that, after doing so, you will join me in supporting H.R. 900, the Cancel the Sequester Act. Our constituents are counting on us to act now.

LETTER FROM HERIBERTO LEÓN

Re Furlough Imposed on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Employees.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY: It is with much frustration and heartbreak that I write to you this letter to urge you to continue efforts to end the sequester and its impact on working class public employees such as myself.

Today is my second furlough day since the sequester began earlier this year. Because I'm not at work today, I am unable to attend to Americans struggling with the impact of soil, water and air pollution in their communities. As a community involvement coordinator in EPA's Region 5 office, I translate to Spanish EPA information for Chicago neighborhoods like Pilsen and Little Village and help explain to residents in Wedron, IL how the Superfund Law and the Clean Drinking Water Act each will help the EPA address the benzene contamination in their well water. I have similar assignments with communities facing contaminated sites throughout the Great Lakes states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. My workload is sufficient to keep me busy many hours beyond my regular work hours, which many times I am happy to offer because I love to contribute to citizens who are victims of industrial pollution. Instead I'm asked to not show up to work so that my salary can be used to save money for a made-up fiscal crisis.

According to EPA's announcement earlier this year I have a total of 13 furlough days between April and September, the end of the fiscal year. That means a pay-cut of nearly \$4000, or 11% of my salary between now and September. That amount is almost what I will need in August to pay the second installment of my Cook County real estate tax bill! Shall I sell my house and move out of Cook County or Illinois altogether?

Congresswoman Schakowsky, I gladly took a pay cut of 20K to come to work for the federal government in 2010 as I understood that I would be able to progress through the federal employment step and grade system. However, that same year a now three-year-old pay freeze was imposed on government workers.

I have had many employers in my work-life from institutions of higher learning such as Loyola University Chicago to private contractors for the Chicago Housing Authority. Never have I experienced the utter disregard and insulting treatment I feel from my employer, the Government of the United States

of America, and the politicians responsible for its policies. The most demeaning day for me was just a few days ago when my supervisor ordered me to fill out EPA's "Request for Leave" form to "request" my own furlough days. This sequestration was never supposed to happen. It is unfair and unreasonable. But it has happened anyway.

I am happy that Air Traffic workers and other co-workers throughout the federal government have by now been exempted from furloughs. It pains me terribly that no similar consideration is expressed for those of us who are charged with caring for the environmental, economic, health, housing and other equally important concerns of the American people.

Finally, I would like to thank your staff for listening to me and submit this letter for your consideration.

Sincerely,

HERIBERTO LEÓN.

HONORING COL. SCOTT W. GORDON

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Col. Scott W. Gordon. After over thirty years of service, Col. Gordon is retiring at the end of August from the United States Army.

Col. Gordon was born in Utica, NY and grew up in Youngstown, OH. He earned his undergraduate degree in Zoology from Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1973 and went on to earn his masters in entomology from The Ohio State University in 1976. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO in 1993.

Col. Gordon joined the military in 1984 after being employed as a medical entomologist by the Vector-borne Disease Unit of the Ohio Department of Health. Throughout Col. Gordon's thirty years of service to his country, he worked in several distinguished capacities within the United States Army. Col. Gordon's work and dedication is exhibited through the numerous awards and decorations he has accrued throughout his three decades of service.

Since joining the military, Col. Gordon has remained active in entomological research as a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, The American Mosquito Control Association, and the Entomological Society of America. Col. Gordon has authored or co-authored over 20 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

I want to extend my warmest and sincere thanks to Col. Scott W. Gordon for his many years of service to his country. His long and illustrious military career will not be forgotten and I would like to wish him congratulations and all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CHARLOTTE TASHJIAN AARON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Charlotte Tashjian

Aaron, who passed away on June 7, 2013 at the age of 97. Charlotte's thoughtfulness, generosity, and overwhelming love for others will be greatly missed.

Charlotte was born into a family with very strong Armenian roots. The Tashjians immigrated to the United States to escape the Armenian Genocide. They settled in Madera, California, and ran a small family business, "Simon Cleaners." After Charlotte graduated from Madera High School, she decided to stay close to home and work for her parents.

Charlotte's faith in God and her religion were extremely important to her. For over 50 years she was a part of the Fidelis Society, and served as a choir member at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church in Fresno, California for almost 70 years. Charlotte was singing in the choir when she saw the love of her life, Isaac, for the very first time. Isaac and Charlotte got married, and raised three beloved sons: James, Edward, and Richard.

For Armenians, family is everything, and Charlotte loved her family dearly. She leaves behind her sons and daughter-in-laws: Heather, Kris, and Nancy; her grandchildren: David, Michael, Janelle, Stephanie, Steven, John, Kirsten, and Danielle; and her brother Ed and her sister-in-law, Wilma.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Charlotte Tashjian Aaron. Charlotte will undoubtedly be missed many, and she will always be in the hearts of those who love her deeply.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding one missed vote on June 12, 2013.

Had I been present for rollcall 217, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions for the Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act, I would have voted "aye."

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Chair, it has been over 10 years since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and I fear we are still not properly addressing traumatic brain injury, also known as "the signature injury of the war." I would like to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their commitment to this issue in recent authorizations. I would also like to thank Mr. THOMPSON for his co-sponsorship of my first amendment.

Over the last few years, Congress has continued to emphasize the importance of this issue and has made funds available for the identification and treatment of brain injuries in our soldiers. It is important these funds be used wisely to ensure that our men and women in uniform are getting timely and proper care. A January 2012 GAO report highlighted the need to coordinate TBI and psychological health activities within the Department.

In the National Defense Authorization for FY 2013, Congress mandated that the Secretary of Defense submit a plan to Congress that would improve coordination and integration of the programs that address traumatic brain injury and psychological health of members of the Armed Forces. Specifically, this report would require the identification of gaps in services and treatments, a plan for addressing any gaps or redundancies and identifying an official to lead the implementation of any changes. This report is due in July of this year, and my amendment underscores the importance of this mandated report, and strongly urges the Secretary to deliver it to Congress within the appropriate timeframe.

My second amendment addresses the continuing issue of identification of traumatic brain injuries. Although the Department of Defense has made a strong commitment to identifying, and treating those men and women who have suffered a traumatic brain injury while serving our Nation, there are still problems with screening our troops.

In June 2010, a memorandum issued by the Department of Defense made a 50-meter distance from an explosion the criterion to identify, refer, and treat members for potential traumatic brain injury in theater. However, the Department of Defense has yet to address those service members who may have been exposed to a blast prior to that time. Many of these soldiers remain on active duty and we must ensure they are tested and treated. My amendment mandates a report on how the Secretary of Defense will identify, refer, and treat possible traumatic brain injuries with respect to members of the Armed Forces who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom prior to June 2010. This is a vitally important report for ensuring the health of our troops. I ask that my colleagues support these amendments for those service members who are struggling with invisible wounds.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

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Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Chair, included in this en bloc package is an amendment I offered that relates to Pakistan. It adds,

as a condition of aid to Pakistan, that Islamabad must not use the funding we provide to its security forces for purposes of domestic repression of ethnic and religious minority groups as it has in the past.

The State Department's 2012 Country Report on Human Rights in Pakistan states, "The most serious human rights problems were extrajudicial and targeted killings, forced disappearances, and torture, which affected thousands of citizens in nearly all parts of the country." Members of the Pakistani military as well as police are involved in these lethal abuses of human rights.

Repression of minority groups is systemic. Human rights organizations have reported that many Sindhi and Baloch nationalists were among those missing. Non-Sunni religious practitioners, Christians, Ahmadis, and Shia Muslims, are attacked with impunity.

There are already four conditions in the core bill and my amendment simply adds a fifth requirement to prevent the misuse of our aid. Thank you, Madam Chair, for accepting my amendment.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of 21 students who have been chosen as the future leaders of our Armed Forces by the prestigious United States service academies. These brave young men and women will commit the next four years to diligently study and rigorously train to become our Nation's defenders and protectors. I am proud to see such a fine group of young adults earnestly pursue a world-class education and a lifetime of service. I have no doubt they will represent the Third District of Texas well.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the commitment they are making now and will make in the future to preserve the freedoms we all hold dear. These students are the cream of the crop. They embody the best of their generation, a generation full of courage, honor, and integrity; a generation with a deep sense of duty to uphold America's belief in democracy, liberty, and justice for all.

Young men and women, I salute each one of you for your dedication to this great country and thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you and God Bless America.

The name and hometown of each appointee follows:

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY BOUND STUDENTS—CLASS OF 2017

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Bryan Lawrence Driskell, from McKinney, graduate of McKinney Boyd High School; Hunter Logan Hill, from Richardson, graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School; Benjamin Darrell Legband, from Dallas, graduate of Trinity Christian Academy; Zachary David Missimo, from Dallas, graduate of Prestonwood Christian Academy; Chandler Avery Myers, from Garland, graduate of Naaman Forest High School; Darrius Anthony Parker, from Allen, graduate of Allen High School in 2012 and the U.S. Air

Force Academy Preparatory School in 2013; Cortland Shonell Tolbert, from McKinney, graduate of Allen High School in 2012 and the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in 2013; and Russell Howard Williams, from McKinney, graduate of McKinney Boyd High School.

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

John-Charles Cheng Arion, from Plano, graduate of Coram Deo Academy; Kim Anh Do, from Murphy, graduate of Plano East Senior High School; Phillip Thomas Metcalfe, from Plano, graduate of Plano East Senior High School; and Victor Vinh Truong, from Garland, graduate of Garland High School.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Aaron Michael Anderson, from Frisco, graduate of Frisco High School in 2012 and the U.S. Military Academy's Preparatory School in 2013; Nicholas Martin Bergstein, from Parker, graduate of Plano East Senior High School; Kaleb Samuel Fields, from Plano, graduate of Trinity Christian Academy; Frank Yilong Lin, from Plano, graduate of Centennial High School; Anthony Park, from Plano, graduate of Plano Senior High School; Matthew Daniel Salazar, from Plano, graduate of Plano Senior High School; Blair Dillon Swanner, from Frisco, graduate of Centennial High School; and Samantha Lee Todd, from Plano, graduate of Plano Senior High School.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Ha-Young Daniel Rhee, from Plano, graduate of Plano East Senior High School.

IN HONOR OF THE WHAYNE SUPPLY COMPANY'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wayne Supply Company in Lexington, Kentucky, and to congratulate them on their 100 Year Anniversary.

Wayne Supply Company, headquartered in Louisville, was founded by Roy C. Wayne, Sr. in 1913. He was the only employee during the company's infancy, and sold items such as light engines, pumps, and bicycles. Twelve years later, he began what would become a very long-term relationship with Caterpillar, and today the company employs over 1,300 people, operating 15 facilities in 12 cities in Kentucky and Indiana.

Wayne Supply Company is well-known for its equipment sales, rental and service offerings throughout Kentucky, but is also contributes to our Commonwealth in other ways.

Wayne Supply has installed and services power stations and generators at medical centers to ensure that power is supplied to the hospital during power outages, and provides the same service to broadcasting stations so that these radio stations can continue to operate during power outages. Wayne Supply also supplies and services hybrid school buses throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Wayne Supply Company on 100 years of successful business. I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to the Wayne Supply Company and all of its employees for all that they have done and continue to do for our community our the Commonwealth.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, together with my bipartisan colleagues Reps. CHARLIE RANGEL, ELIOT ENGEL, BRIAN HIGGINS, NITA LOWEY, JERROLD NADLER, and MICHAEL GRIMM, I am introducing a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Rabbi Arthur Schneier, in recognition of his pioneering role in promoting religious freedom and human rights throughout the world for over half a century.

Born in Vienna, Austria, in 1930, Rabbi Schneier lived under Nazi occupation in Budapest during World War II and came to the United States in 1947. He has been the Spiritual Leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York City since 1962.

A Holocaust survivor, and the Founder and President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, Rabbi Schneier has devoted his life to overcoming the forces of hatred and intolerance.

He has been a pioneer in bringing together religious leaders to address ethnic or religious conflicts. For example, in Bosnia in 1997, he convened government and religious leaders to promote healing and conciliation between Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish communities. In the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia he worked with the Orthodox Patriarch and the Turkish Government to hold the Peace and Tolerance Conference in 1994 and address religious and ethnic tensions in that area. In the former Yugoslavia, he mobilized religious leaders to halt the bloodshed of the early 90's, holding the Religious Summit on the Former Yugoslavia and the Conflict Resolution Conference to build support and consensus among religious leaders of different faiths. Since the early 1980s, he has led delegations of religious leaders to China to open a dialogue on religious freedom.

I hope my colleagues will join us in honoring this distinguished pioneer of religious freedom with a Congressional Gold Medal.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HURST COUNCILMAN CHARLES SWEARENGEN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Charles Swearengen for his 30 years of service as the councilman for Place 1 of the City of Hurst, Texas.

Charles has spent nearly a half-century of his life serving Hurst. Prior to taking the oath of office as a councilman in 1983, Charles served 18 years on the Hurst Parks and Recreation Board in which he spent 13 of those years as the chairman.

Throughout his years of service to the City of Hurst, Charles has been a pivotal influence in the development of recreational projects in the city. Under his guidance, the city has opened two aquatics centers, renovated a

recreation center, developed multiple parks, established the Hurst Athletic Center, and opened the Hurst Senior Citizens Activities Center.

Aside from his leadership role as a councilman, Charles has served on numerous civic committees and boards in North Texas. Some of these civic organizations included North Central Texas Council of Governments, Tarrant County Crime Prevention Resource Center Board of Directors, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, National Management Association, City of Hurst Finance and Investment Committee, City of Hurst Crime Control District Board of Directors, City of Hurst Community Services Development Corporation Board of Directors, Resource Conservation Council and Stop Illegal Dumping Committee, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee of the National League of Cities, and Fort Worth Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee for the City of Hurst.

Charles is married to Gwendolyn, and together they have two children and four grandchildren. He and his wife have been attending the First United Methodist Church of Hurst since 1959 where he once served as the chairman of church's Mission Central Program.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Charles Swearengen for his 30 years of public service as a councilman for the City of Hurst.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise to speak on House consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

I thank Chairman McKEON, Ranking Member SMITH and the Rules Committee, and the Armed Services Committee for their work on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

The National Defense Authorization Act's purpose is to address the threats our nation must deal with not just today, but into the future. This makes our work vital to our national interest and it should reflect our strong commitment to ensure that the men and women of our Armed Services receive the benefits and support that they deserve for their faithful service.

This is the 52nd consecutive National Defense Authorization Act, which speaks to the long-term commitment of the Congress and successive Administrations to provide for National Defense. This bill encompasses a number of initiatives designed to confront sexual

assault in the military, making more efficient the work of protecting America, addresses the mental health needs of men and women in the armed services, and extends economic opportunity to small minority and women owned businesses.

We do live in a dangerous world, where threats are not always easily identifiable, and our enemies are not bound by borders. The recent Boston terrorist attack reminds us of how fragile our nation's security could be without a well trained and equipped military.

The definition of war has changed and with it our understanding about what is needed to combat a unique type of enemy that fights under no flag or for any nation.

U.S. Special Operations Command, a vital part of our military, provides much of the special skills needed to defend our nation today. This legislation continues to build on previous efforts to support their important work.

I am still deeply concerned about the President's authority, as stipulated by the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force, AUMF, to indefinitely detain individuals apprehended in the United States—including citizens of the United States—without due process and with little independent review or oversight. As a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, I am committed to making sure that the Constitution and its protections are enforced. The purpose to defend this nation is not just on the grounds of this Capitol, but also the foundation that supports the principles of liberty, freedom and democratic values.

The bill includes several provisions that recognize the strain of more than a decade of war has placed on our troops and the equipment, technology, and tools that they use. It supports a 1.8 percent pay raise. I had wanted a 2 percent raise for our troops.

This Congress must communicate its wholehearted support for the security of the nation by addressing mindless cuts created by sequestration, the \$174.6 billion in operation and maintenance funding the bill provides will help mend some of the damage that has been done to overused equipment and neglected facilities. It also strengthens our ability to confront cyber threats, and provides important authorities to protect vital information. The bill also continues to lay the foundation for enabling competition in military space launch.

I am also pleased that so much has occurred to improve the bill during its consideration on the House Floor, including the adoption of seven amendments that I offered. Combined, these amendments will help our military families have access to mental health counseling when needed and that contracting opportunities with the Department of Defense are extended to women and minority owned businesses. In addition, the bill has been improved to include provisions that are critically important to women, including provisions to prevent and respond to sexual assault and research to combat Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

The bill amended on the House floor now also contains provisions that will help secure our borders and make the defense logistics management system more efficient.

Let me discuss briefly the amendments I offered that were adopted by the House and included in the final version of the bill.

Jackson Lee Amendment #1 directs the DoD and NIH to collaborate to combat Triple Negative Breast Cancer. The amendment

directs the Department of Defense to identify specific genetic and molecular targets and biomarkers for TNBC.

Triple Negative Breast Cancer is a term used to describe breast cancers whose cells do not have estrogen receptors and progesterone receptors, and do not have an excess of the "HER2" protein on their cell membrane of tumor cells. This makes commonly used test and methods to detect breast cancer not as effective.

This is a serious illness that effects between 10–17 percent of female breast cancer patients and this condition is more likely to cause death than the most common form of breast cancer. Seventy percent of women with metastatic triple negative breast cancer do not live more than five years after being diagnosed.

Jackson Lee Amendment #1 will help to save lives. TNBC disproportionately impacts younger women, African American women, Hispanic/Latina women, and women with a "BRCA1" genetic mutation, which is prevalent in Jewish women. TNBC usually affects women under 50 years of age and makes up more than 30 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses in African American. Black women are far more susceptible to this dangerous subtype than white or Hispanic women.

Jackson Lee Amendment that #2 directs the Department of Defense to post information on sexual assault prevention and response resources online for ease of access by men and women in the armed services.

There is no greater crime that an individual can commit than the crime of sexual molestation and sexual assault. The perpetrators of these crimes rob victims of their dignity and sense of wellbeing. Victimization is not easily relieved by treating the immediate physical injuries that may result, but can last for years. Moreover, victims of sexual assault are profoundly affected for the rest of their lives often with PTSD or other medical conditions. As elected officials, we have an obligation to condemn this violence, work for stronger enforcement of laws and provide adequate funding for programs to assist individuals who may have experienced such abuse.

In 2012, we know that victims of sexual violence or abuse among civilians are routinely under reported. The Defense Department report states that of the 26,000 estimated victims only 3,374 crimes were reported and just 302 of the 2,558 incidents pursued by victims were prosecuted.

Jackson Lee Amendment #2 will make sure that information is available and easily accessible to military personnel for the purpose of raising awareness, promoting education and the long term goal of influencing organizational culture around the issue of sexual violence.

Many in the military are just learning that there is a huge difference between sex and sexual violence. Jackson Lee Amendment #3 would educate both victims, potential victims, witnesses or victimizers that these are acts of violence and should be treated as such. It may also help influence thinking among military leaders on the nature of these crimes and promote changes in policy to aggressively provide support to victims and judicial remedies to prosecute and punish criminal behavior.

Jackson Lee Amendment #4 expresses the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of Defense should develop a plan to ensure a sustainable flow of qualified mental health counselors to meet the long-term needs of

members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families.

Houston is home to one of the largest populations of military service members and their families in the nation. There are over 200,000 veterans of military service who live and work in Houston; more than 13,000 are veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan. For the brave men and women who have been wounded in combat, help is on the way.

Although some of a soldier's wounds are invisible to the naked eye they are still wounds that should be properly treated. One of the best ways to increase access to treatment is to increase the number of medical facilities and mental health professionals who are available to serve the needs of men and women currently serving and those who have become veterans.

Jackson Lee Amendment #5 will improve the efficiency of the management system and how the Department of Defense inventory will support modernization that uses technology to tag and track items purchased to increase transparency to the agency on what it has and where it is located. This change could mean tens of millions in savings if implemented DoD wide by reducing labor cost for tracking and moving equipment, but more important prevent repurchasing of items that agency already owns, but may not be able to locate.

The private sector has leaped forward in using inventory tracking technology and protocols to monitor large and small products from the time they leave manufacturing facilities until they are sold at retail or wholesale stores.

The DoD is one of the largest customers for products in the nation and should have the benefit of the best knowledge and technology available to more efficiently manage its inventory.

The most advanced warehouse inventory management systems are fully automated and biometrically controlled to track items and create records of people who make request to transport items from storage to use. These systems make sure that persons seeking to move items have the authority to do so and that the requests create records that can be tracked as well as track the items moved. These fully automated warehouses have no staff, but rely upon technology that is designed to store and retrieve items in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible.

Jackson Lee Amendment #5 will extend economic opportunity to small businesses by requiring DoD to small business concerns owned and controlled by women and minorities before conversion of certain functions to contractor performance would aid the economy. Federal contracting can be an important revenue source for businesses of any size. In fiscal year 2011, federal agencies obligated a total of around \$537 billion in government contracts to businesses. However, federal agencies' goal for contracting with women and minority owned businesses is five percent.

The Department of Defense is a major consumer of products and services that range from office products to military specific equipment. The wide ranges of business opportunities provide ample reasons to engage women and minority owned businesses as contractors or subcontractors.

In addition to the Jackson Lee Amendments offered to this bill, I joined my Colleagues on the Committee on Homeland Security in supporting an amendment to promote collabora-

tion and cooperation between the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security regarding the identification of equipment, either declared excess, or made available to DHS on a long-term loan basis that will help increase security along the border.

I also request that my colleagues support another amendment that I joined in sponsoring along with the leadership of the House Committee on Homeland Security which would allow the transfer of technology from DoD to state and local law enforcement. Before the creation of DHS a program was created to facilitate this type of equipment transfer and this amendment adds the Secretary of Homeland Security in a consultative role in the equipment transfer process. This amendment also gives applicants seek DoD equipment for use in border security preference in this statute. This will facilitate expedited transfer of equipment that Federal, state and local first responders can use to strengthen our border security efforts.

I do have grave concerns about some features of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. For example this bill assumes adoption of the House Budget Resolution framework, which would hurt our economy and require draconian cuts to middle-class priorities. This is a serious concern for me because of how it would impact my constituents in the 18th Congressional District.

The Administration has communicated that it would veto this bill in its current form and I hope that the conference process will resolve the issues that are the most troubling like the treatment of the Guantanamo detainees. This issue is a mark against everything the United States stands for and it is damaging our reputation and credibility around the world.

The detentions should end and people properly processed to other facilities or tried in courts of law to address charges or crimes against the United States. My hope is that this provision will be dropped from the bill as the legislative process goes forward.

We must continue to direct our efforts as a body to ensure that our troops remain the best equipped and prepared military force in the world. They are not just soldiers they are sons and daughters, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters—they are some of the people we represent as members of Congress. Support of them is a sacred obligation of Congress both to those who are at risk on battlefields and serving as the guard against threats around the world, but they are also those who have returned home from war.

I thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their work on this bill.

HONORING ROY APSELOFF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Roy Apseloff. After 32 years of service, Mr. Apseloff will be retiring from the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Apseloff is a native of Kent, Ohio and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Cornell University. He continued his education earning a Master of Arts in International

Relations from Catholic University and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College. He began his career with the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1981 as a U.S. Navy Officer assigned to the Directorate for Collection. Mr. Apseloff transitioned to civilian service in 1985 and since then he has held a series of positions of increasing responsibility within human intelligence and collection operations.

Mr. Apseloff will be retiring from the Defense Intelligence Agency as the Vice President for Information Management and Deputy CIO; he also serves as the Deputy Chief of a Global Information Technology organization of over 3,000 people and \$1 billion that provides IT support to 20,000 customers worldwide. In addition, Mr. Apseloff serves on various senior interagency boards and forums. Despite leaving for civilian service in 1985, Mr. Apseloff continued to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve until his retirement in 2003 with the rank of captain. His many reserve assignments included: Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. His longtime service in the U.S. Navy is yet another testament to his long career of service to his country.

Mr. Apseloff's exemplary work ethic has been recognized by the many awards and distinctions he has received in his 32 years with the Defense Intelligence Agency. He has received the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service, and the Defense Intelligence Director's Award.

I want to extend my warm and sincere thanks to Roy Apseloff for his life's devotion to serving his country. His long and illustrious career with the United States Navy and The Defense Intelligence Agency will not be forgotten. I would like to wish him congratulations on all he has accomplished and all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM E. THRASH

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Kennesaw City Councilman William E. "Bill" Thrash, and thank him for his service to country and community.

After a long battle with cancer, Bill passed away on May 22.

A native of Texas, Thrash grew up in Oklahoma before serving in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, and the Colorado National Guard. After his service, he attended nursing school and was an EMT/paramedic in his early career before moving into the security management business.

In 1992, Thrash moved to Kennesaw and began looking to ways that he could serve the community. He served on the Kennesaw Development Authority, the Downtown Development Authority, the Recreation and Culture Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission before his election to city council in 2001. At the time of his passing, he was serving his third term after being re-elected in 2010, and being named Mayor Pro-Tem in 2011.

Thrash was a role model and community leader, he served in the Georgia Municipal and Cobb Municipal associations, and his service to the National League of Cities Council on Youth, Education, and Families, Thrash was named Citizen of the Year by the Northwest Cobb Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kennesaw Business Association.

His colleagues and friends will always remember Thrash as someone who loved public service and was particularly passionate about creating programs for young people to thrive in the community. He is credited as being the driving force behind an after-school recreational program for at-risk teens, and for the development of Cantrell Park.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to William E. Thrash's wife Suzie, his daughter Mandy, and sons Robbie and Billy during these most difficult of times. It saddens me to know that the world is missing an honorable and dedicated man, but I am humbled to know that he is now in a better place.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Chair, I'm pleased to rise today in support of my bipartisan bill, the Deployed Troops Support Act, which has been accepted as an Amendment to H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

I would like to thank House Armed Services Committee Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their support in helping this important Amendment to move forward. I would also like to thank the cosponsors of H.R. 1756, the Deployed Troops Support Act for their support: FREDERICA WILSON of Florida, DENNIS ROSS of Florida, LOUIS GOHMERT of Texas, WILLIAM ENYART of Illinois, CHRISTOPHER GIBSON of New York, KERRY BENTIVOLIO of Mississippi, DONNA CHRISTENSEN of the U.S. Virgin Islands, LARRY BUCHSHON of Indiana, and DEREK KILMER of Washington.

Mr. Chairman, when our soldiers are deployed to defend our Nation, many patriotic Americans show their support for our brave men and women in uniform by putting together care packages. This Amendment simply allows the Department of Defense to transport, on a space available basis, goods supplied by nonprofit organizations to members of the Armed Services who are deployed overseas.

This Amendment gives veterans' nonprofits and other private charitable organizations that support our troops the same consideration that organizations are already given for transporting humanitarian goods to foreign nationals overseas. In this Amendment, we extend

the same courtesy for our own troops that we have granted to foreigners under the "Denton Program" since 1985.

We also ensure that the Secretary has the authority to determine that there is a legitimate need for the goods being shipped, that supplies are suitable for distribution, and that adequate arrangements have been made for distribution.

This legislative idea was brought to my attention by veterans in my congressional district, specifically AVET Project in Brevard County. I especially commend Garren and Kim Cone and the members of AVET for their service to our Nation and their support for our soldiers. Again, thanks to everyone involved for helping to advance this common sense Amendment.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Chair, I am pleased to offer this bipartisan amendment on behalf of my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus: Reps. DIAZ-BALART, CARTER, and SIRE. We also have two other notable cosponsors: Rep. GINGREY, the former co-chair of the Caucus, and Rep. GRANGER. Our amendment would affirm the United States' longstanding economic and defensive partnership with Taiwan, which dates back to the 1940s.

This amendment reflects the same language adopted by voice vote in the House during consideration of the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act. In the 112th Congress, 181 Members of the House of Representatives sent a letter to the Administration citing the "critical" need for the United States "to sell the government of Taiwan all the F-16 C/D [aircraft] it requires." The letter urged the Administration to "move quickly" on this matter and cited the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) as the statutory basis for such a sale.

The Administration's announcement to sell only a retrofit package for Taiwan's older fighter jets disappointed Taiwan's supporters. After all, U.S. policy with regard to the defensive capabilities of Taiwan is clearly outlined in the TRA, which states it is the policy of the U.S. "to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character."

Moreover, three joint communiqués between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China (PRC), and the "Six Assurances" to Taipei offered by President Reagan, add additional context to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. The defensive weapons provision in the TRA has been an irritant in the relationship with Beijing, but this provision is necessary for Taiwan's defense.

It should be no surprise that advocates for Taipei's defensive needs continue to push for

the sale of the 66 F-16 C/D planes. It is important that U.S. obligations to provide for Taiwan's defenses—codified in and by the TRA—be dictated by our assessments of Taiwan's needs and not by the threat, implied or otherwise, of Taiwan's big neighbor. Beyond this defense relationship, the United States has strong economic ties with Taiwan. In 2010 total U.S. trade with Taiwan was \$61.9 billion, making it the 9th largest U.S. trading partner.

I encourage my colleagues to vote for this bipartisan amendment directing the President to sell 66 F-16 C/D aircraft to Taiwan.

HONORING SAL CASTRO

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, Sal Castro (October 25, 1933–April 15, 2013) was a Mexican-American educator and activist. He was most well-known for his role in the student walkouts at East Los Angeles high schools in 1968. With Sal's assistance and guidance, the students protested against unequal conditions in the Los Angeles Unified School District schools.

Long after he retired from teaching, Sal continued his lectures that shared his experiences and the importance of education, particularly in Mexican American communities. After a seven month battle with cancer, Sal Castro passed away in his sleep on April 15, 2013.

A funeral mass was celebrated for Sal at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles on April 25, 2013. In tribute to Mr. Castro's life efforts, I would like to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the eulogy honoring him which was delivered by Mario T. Garcia, Professor of Chicano Studies and History at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

EULOGY FOR: SAL CASTRO

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Los Angeles, CA, April 25, 2013

About fifteen years ago, I invited Sal Castro to speak to my Chicano History class at UC Santa Barbara. My students and I were enthralled with the power of his voice, the humanity that he projected, and that wonderful humor. I knew then that I had to write his story. That story testifies to Sal's place in history and it is an honored place.

Very few of us have the opportunity to make history that affects others' lives. Sal Castro did that. He did that by first of all dedicating his career to being a teacher. There is nothing Sal would not do for his students. He did this for four decades and touched the lives of countless young people.

Sal made history by the inspirational and courageous leadership that he provided his kids as he called them in the 1968 Blowouts or walkouts in the East Los Angeles schools the largest high school student strike in American history. I do not believe that the Blowouts would have occurred without Sal's leadership. He put his career and perhaps even his life on the line for the students in this movement. He didn't do it because he personally wanted publicity or rewards. He did it because of the injustices of an educational system that for decades had denied Mexican American students a quality education and an opportunity to go to college. Sal Castro took on the entire educational establishment because they did not care about his kids.

He knew that real change does not come from on top from the elite but from the bottom, from the people. In 1968 it was senior and junior high school students who through Sal came to recognize that they were not the problem nor were their parents the problem for their lack of educational achievement. Sal helped open their eyes that it was the schools, too many teachers, too many principals, and too many members of the board of education who were the problem. Sal taught them that there was no "Mexican problem" but instead a racist problem as it affected the schools and the Mexican American community. Because of Sal, the students—the Blowout generation as Sal called them—empowered themselves. They were not going to accept anything now but a good education so that they could advance as far as their personal talents would take them. Sal knew he had achieved this change in consciousness as he saw hundreds of students walk out of Lincoln High School and Roosevelt High School and Garfield High School and Wilson High School, and Belmont High School and other high schools in other parts of Los Angeles. He knew that it would never be the same and he was right. With tears in his eyes and pride in his very being many years later he said of that day in 1968:

"As the bell rang, out they went, out into the streets. With their heads held high, with dignity. It was beautiful to be a Chicano that day."

In that first week of March, 1968 with thousands of high school students on strike, the students, the college students who helped, the brown berets who provided defense, and Sal made history. They brought the educational establishment to its knees. They showed what Chicano power meant.

Various reforms followed but they were never enough and still not enough even today. But Sal and the students showed that week that major social change can only happen when the people themselves realize that only they can make the changes that will improve their lives. This was the lesson of the Blowouts and the lessons of the Chicano movement. It was the lesson that Sal as a teacher taught that generation and continues to teach us today and in the future.

Sal Castro was first and foremost a teacher but as a teacher he made history not only through the Blowouts but by year after year producing students who would dedicate their lives in whatever profession they pursued to go out and fulfill the legacy of his blowout kids—to change the world. Sal never rested on his laurels. There were still too many kids that he needed to reach and which he did not only in his classes but through his unselfish work in inspiring new generations of future Chicano/Latino leaders by his Chicano Youth Leadership Conference.

Sal Castro is a giant in Chicano history and also needs to be recognized as a giant in American history. He showed us that real education is different from schooling. Schooling produces students who accept the status quo and never ask "why?" Education produces students who not only ask "why" but act on their question.

I personally will miss a colleague, a fellow teacher, and a dear friend. I will miss him coming to my classes as he did for many years never asking for compensation but always with the same passion wanting to share his story with students. I often joked that if Sal couldn't show up I could give Sal's talk because I had heard it so often. And now I will give that talk by myself but I also rededicate myself today to his mission in life and will teach others about Sal Castro and his place in history.

The last question I asked Sal is how do you wish to be remembered. He simply said: "I want my tombstone to read—Sal Castro a

teacher" and he added in concluding his story and he is saying this to us today:

"Que Dios les Bendiga y que La Virgen Morena les proteja"

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of efforts to fight sexual assault in the military. Sexual assault and rape are violent and horrific crimes, and they must be treated as serious offense, not—as Senator SAXBY CHAMBLISS of Georgia has suggested—as a byproduct of "hormones."

According to Pentagon estimates, last year, over 70 service women and men were sexually assaulted every single day. The Department of Defense estimates that 26,000 sexual assaults occurred last year, an increase from the estimated 19,300 assaults in 2010. Yet only a fraction of those crimes are referred to courts martial.

We face an epidemic of sexual assault in the military. Because of a culture of intimidation and retaliation against victims, coupled with the low rate of prosecution and punishment, the vast majority of these crimes go unreported. In some instances, the victim seeks help but opts not to file a formal complaint.

The men and women of the armed services risk their lives to defend our country. Our military is built on the values of trust, discipline, and respect.

Despite growing discussion and awareness of the fact that sexual assault has become entrenched in our military culture, we've seen limited progress toward a solution. That's why I am proud to support provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that make progress toward combating military sexual assault. As currently written, the NDAA strips commanders of their ability to dismiss court martial convictions for serious offenders, and it prohibits commanders from reducing guilty findings for serious offenses. The NDAA requires that servicemembers found guilty of rape or sexual assault be punitively discharged from the military.

Among other provisions, the Defense Authorization bill we're considering today also lays out the rights of victims. It allows them to apply for a permanent change of station or unit transfer, ensuring they are not forced to continue to serve next to their assaulter.

However, I believe we need to go further. I am a cosponsor of Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER's legislation H.R. 1593, the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention (STOP) Act. The STOP Act would take the reporting, oversight, investigation and victim care of sexual assaults out of the hands of the military's normal chain of command and place jurisdiction in the newly-created, autonomous Sexual Assault Oversight and Response Office comprised of civilian and military experts.

In addition to the STOP Act, Congresswoman SPEIER has introduced an amendment—which I am proud to cosponsor—to the Defense Authorization bill taking the decision-making of whether to prosecute out of the chain of command and give discretion to trained prosecutors.

Mr. Speaker, service women and men who survive sexual violence should not have to choose between their careers and justice. They should not be afraid to report crimes perpetrated against them, and they should not face intimidation when seeking treatment and other services. I strongly believe we need to take action now to fundamentally change the way sexual assault is handled in the military by passing legislation to prevent and punish sexual assault and rape.

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH IN MACON, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a longstanding tradition in Macon, Georgia, the 21st Annual Juneteenth Freedom Festival. Georgia Juneteenth Week spans from June 8, 2013 to June 15, 2013, culminating in the Juneteenth Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from noon to sundown at Historic Tattnell Square Park in Macon, Georgia.

On June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Union Troops seized control of the area and declared all slaves free. Since then, Juneteenth has been nationally and internationally observed as Emancipation Day and the end of slavery in the United States for those who did not receive the news that the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863 until June, 1865.

Whether it is a day, week, or month-long celebration, Juneteenth brings people of all walks of life together for remembrance of a dark period in our Nation's history, to rejoice at how far we have come as a society, and to reflect upon how far we have yet to go.

For the past 21 years, Torchlight Academy, Inc. and Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center have partnered to organize the Juneteenth celebrations in Macon, Georgia. The Juneteenth Freedom Festival has been one of the most innovative, vibrant and enjoyable displays of Afro-centric art, talent and culture in Middle Georgia. With agricultural education exhibits; live jazz, soul and hip hop music; modern and African dance; delicious food; live history exhibits; children's games; and storytelling, this partnership has fostered the spirit of community that is so deeply anchored in our ancestral roots.

Macon's oldest continuous African-American community-based festival, the Juneteenth celebrations and annual Freedom Festival unite Middle Georgians to honor the struggle, sacrifice and success of our ancestors.

This year's local Juneteenth festivities included a "Salute to Freedom" 5k Run/Walk for Health and Peace, the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Reunion, Heritage Discovery Walk, Macon Black Heritage Tours, and the Real Talk Hip Hop Summit of Youth Awareness and Responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. George A. Fadil Muhammad, Torchlight Academy, Inc., Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center, the residents of Macon, Georgia and the surrounding communities as

they come together to celebrate Juneteenth. This spirited celebration is an annual reminder of the valiant souls of our Nation's history to whom we owe so much. Let us also use this occasion to reflect upon ourselves and how we can each lead a life that honors the sacrifice of our ancestors.

RECOGNIZING DIEGO ARENCÓN ON FATHER'S DAY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Father's Day is a time for families to come together, a time to honor the role of fathers in our lives, and a time to count our blessings. But for many Americans, this Sunday will be the first Father's Day where they won't be able to hug their dad tight. And for fathers who have lost a child in the past year, this will be the first Father's Day where they can't look into their son's or daughter's eyes and tell them how much joy they bring them every day.

This Father's Day, I would like to honor one of my constituents, Diego Arencón, who has sadly lost both his father and his son in the past year. A dedicated public servant, Diego is a member of the Albuquerque Fire Department and is President of the Albuquerque Area Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 244. He has selflessly risked his life to keep the residents of Albuquerque safe. He is an effective advocate for his fellow firefighters, an accomplished jazz drummer, and I'm proud to be counted among those who call Diego a friend.

Diego and his continued commitment to his wife, Lupe, and to his surviving children, Santiago, Loliana and Diego, is an inspiration to all who know him.

In early January of this year, Diego's father, Jose "Pelete" Arencón, passed away. A prominent gypsy flamenco singer, Jose was known for his compelling voice. He began singing as a child, and became a professional singer as a teenager. Born in Spain, he moved to Albuquerque with his wife in 1975, bringing the traditional roots of flamenco to the Duke City.

Diego's son, Nikolas Ventura-Arencón, was only 14 when he tragically passed away the day before Thanksgiving last year. Even at his young age, Nikolas had ambitions to serve his community and his country just like his father. Nikolas was a member of the Los Alamos High School ROTC and had dreams of attending the New Mexico Military Institute to become a Marine. He also wanted to follow in his father's footsteps by becoming a firefighter. Within their ranks, New Mexico firefighters say Nikolas Ventura-Arencón was "one of us."

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013 H.R. 2217

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the Department of Home-

land Security Appropriations Act of 2013 (H.R. 2217).

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, we passed a bipartisan Homeland Security appropriations bill. I believe, that legislation would have passed the House by an overwhelming margin.

Unfortunately, an amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING of Iowa was added to the bill on the floor; it is a poison pill for any member who cares about advancing comprehensive immigration reform. The King amendment terminates specific Obama Administration policies on immigration, including deferred action for childhood arrivals, supporting prosecutor discretion for victims of crimes, and prioritizing the deportation of violent criminals. The King amendment was adopted in a highly partisan vote of 224–201, with 221 Republicans voting for this anti-immigrant measure.

Specifically, the King amendment would mean that young people, who were brought here as children by their parents and grew up in America, will face deportation from the country they consider their own. It means victims of domestic abuse and human trafficking could face deportation for reporting their abusers.

Prioritizing public safety is only common sense. Immigration officials should be focused on deporting dangerous individuals, not working families or victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Denying law enforcement officials the ability to use their discretion is not only a foolish and ineffective method of directing our resources, but inhumane.

I strongly support the Obama Administration policies that the King amendment eliminates. As a co-sponsor of the DREAM Act in the 111th and 112th Congress, I am appalled that House Republicans would support eliminating this policy and forcing these young people to live with the fear of being deported. Dreamers want and deserve the chance to earn American citizenship so they can fully contribute to the country they have always viewed as their own.

The King amendment will have a chilling effect on the movement for comprehensive immigration reform. The Senate is making real progress in negotiations, but this anti-immigrant amendment suggests that House Republicans have no interest in the real reform needed to fix our broken immigration system.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,708,293,971.53. We've added \$6,111,831,245,058.45 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Chair, the Federal Government is facing some of the most complex challenges in our Nation's history and dealing with serious budget constraints. In order to do more with less, it is critical that we have a first class Federal workforce. The government must make the proper investments in its employees and take the steps necessary to recruit, retain, and develop its talent.

The media often focuses on what goes wrong in government, but today I want to take a moment to recognize the important work of the more than 800,000 Department of Defense of Defense (DoD) civil servants who provide essential services to help keep our country safe. DoD civilians are partners in our national defense and integral to the success of DoD military operations.

I represent Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas and to echo the words of Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta when he visited the installation, "let me be clear—Fort Bliss is the premier post in America." The critical role this post plays in our national defense is supported by more than 11,000 full-time civilian employees. We live in a world where the threats to our freedoms are diverse and we must ensure that our civilian workforce is up to the task of protecting the American people. To succeed in carrying out the complex tasks of the Department, Congress must enable all these employees to excel in their jobs. We must compensate them commensurate with their responsibilities; provide them with a quality of work life that fosters long-term growth; and work to ensure that labor-management relationships remain strong.

This year Congress debated multiple amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 that aimed to weaken the civilian workforce at DoD. These amendments would greatly expand the A–76 process and direct the Department to contract out any function not considered to be "inherently governmental"—regardless of policy, risk, or cost to DoD. The Congress outlawed the use of the A–76 process during the Bush Administration after the finding by DoD Inspector General that it was biased against federal employees, and by the Government Accountability Office that the costs of associated with the process often exceeded estimated savings. Additionally, in testimony before the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, DoD Comptroller Robert Hale acknowledged that contractors are twice as expensive as civilian employees stating that "if you're going to have a job over a long period of time . . . it's probably cheaper to have a civilian government employee to do it." For these reasons, I voted against these amendments.

As the Nation's largest employer, I believe that the federal government has a responsibility to lead by example to be a model employer. This is especially true for the Department of Defense. Since being elected to Congress, I have met and worked with many civilian employees at DoD and am inspired by their dedication. Our military and country are stronger because of them, and I will continue to support efforts that strengthen our federal workforce.

THE HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FY2014

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2217, the FY14 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I appreciate the bipartisan effort put into crafting H.R. 2217 and commend the members of the Appropriations Committee for encouraging a collaborative and open process. It's unfortunate that at the last minute an anti-immigration amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING of Iowa upset the delicate bipartisan balance established in the bill.

Recent events emphasize the importance of ensuring the availability of the resources our country needs to address national emergencies. The tornadoes in Oklahoma, the bombings at the Boston Marathon, forest fires in California and Colorado are just a few examples of why funding for homeland security should always be considered a national priority. This bill provides resources to address these and other critical needs by directing funding to protect the country's transportation infrastructure and cybernetworks, and equally important, to our first responders who help to protect our communities and who play a vital role in helping keep the nation safe and secure. In total, the bill appropriates \$38.9 billion for the Department in FY 2014 for these and other critical national priorities.

While I support the level of funding set for Homeland Security in this bill, I strongly oppose the funding levels set in the Republican budget plan for other key priorities. For example, the Republican budget recklessly cuts the category of funding for our kids' education and medical research by 20 percent below the sequester level. Consequently, I strongly support the President's position that the funding levels for Homeland Security must ultimately be considered in the context of an overall agreement on the budget. Unfortunately, our Republican colleagues in the House and Senate continue to refuse to convene a conference to negotiate a budget agreement.

Additionally, I share the President's concern about the bill's failure to fund the request for the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project, which will only delay the project further; the bill's failure to fully fund the request for new Customs and Borders Protection officers; and the bill's continued funding of the unnecessary 287 (g) program when the Secure Communities program is a more efficient and cost-effective alternative.

In that same vein, this year I again opposed the anti-immigration amendment offered by

Representative KING that prohibits the use of funds in the bill from being used to implement the so called "Morton Memos." These memos were written by ICE Director Morton and provide a plan to deploy ICE resources to the most cost effective priorities and provide guidance to ensure that limited resources are focused on criminals and other individuals who pose a genuine threat to national security or public safety. I am disappointed that the House chose to again include this provision and it is for that reason that I will oppose this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF MARC JOHNSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marcus Johnson as he prepares to retire from his position as Superintendent of the Sanger Unified School District. Marc will be leaving after more than 35 years in public education in the Central Valley.

As Superintendent of Sanger Unified, Marc transformed some of California's lowest performing schools into some of our best. The education reforms that he spearheaded are now considered a model for schools across the country. Marc's dedication and commitment to improving education standards in the Central Valley have been nationally recognized including by the American Association of Student Administrators who named him the 2011 National Superintendent of the Year.

A California native, Marc lives in the small community of Reedley, where at age four he moved with his parents and where his wife of 37 years, Penni, taught at Thomas Law Reed Elementary, before retiring last year. He is a graduate of Reedley Community College, California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University, where he received his Masters in Education. Marc began his career in education at American Union Elementary, where he taught for 16 years and later served as the district's superintendent and principal. In 1999, Marc was named the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for the Sanger Unified School District, before assuming the role of Superintendent of the district in the fall of 2003.

When Marc took over as Superintendent, Sanger Unified was struggling. A year into his tenure, the district was designated for program improvement by the State of California. Under Marc's leadership and guidance, Sanger Unified implemented education reforms including adopting the professional learning community model focused on student learning, high quality instruction, and teacher collaboration. Within two years Sanger Unified exited program improvement status and its schools have since gone on to win many accolades and awards. Recently, Sanger Unified became only the second school district in the country to have every one of its middle schools named to the Department of Education's prestigious "Schools to Watch" list.

Although Marc is retiring as Superintendent of Sanger Unified, he will continue the fight to improve education standards in the Central Valley as the interim co-director of the John D.

Welty Center for Educational Policy and Leadership. In addition, Marc is retiring to spend much needed time with his wife, his three children, and his four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished educational leadership of Mr. Marc Johnson. The work he has done for the Sanger Unified School District will have a lasting impact on our children in Fresno County and in the entire State of California.

RECOGNIZING FALLEN OWEGO
FIREFIGHTER CAPTAIN MATT
PORCARI

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fallen Owego Firefighter Captain Matt Porcari. Captain Porcari belonged to the Owego Fire Department for 18 years before his tragic death while actively responding to a mutual aid fire call in Newark Valley, New York. He was 34 years old and leaves behind a wife Christina, two children and three step-children.

Captain Porcari was a dedicated volunteer in the department who began his service at age 16, serving as a mentor and friend to newer members. His caring nature extended beyond the Owego community, demonstrated by his assistance to the Long Beach Fire Station following Hurricane Sandy and by his efforts to organize a trip to pay tribute to the fallen firefighters in Webster, New York. In addition, Captain Porcari led the Croton Hose Company #3 in the Central New York Hose Racing Championships and was a member of the youngest team to win a CNY Championship in 1995.

Captain Porcari's legacy was honored this June at the Owego Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament, which was held in honor of Captain Porcari and other fallen Owego firefighters. The monies raised at the tournament will support scholarships for Owego Free Academy's graduating seniors pursuing careers as first responders. Additional monies will go to the development and maintenance of an Owego Fire Department training facility.

Today we honor Matt Porcari's sacrifice. Let us remember every day the price paid by true heroes such as Matt.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUTH
JOBS ACT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Youth Jobs Act.

We are facing a jobs crisis in this country, and even our youth are not exempt from its effects. Five years after the Great Recession hit, 27 million workers are either unemployed or underemployed—roughly one out of every six U.S. workers. This is completely unacceptable.

Even worse though, is the impact this crisis is leaving on the next generation of workers.

America's young adults and teens are currently facing unemployment rates of 16 and 24 percent respectfully. The ramifications of these young Americans not being able to find work are troubling and far reaching.

We must do everything we can to make sure young Americans have the jobs they need to pay for higher education and to learn skills that will prepare them for careers and professions. If we do not create employment opportunities for all young Americans, we inhibit the ability and opportunity for them to move up the economic ladder, and to improve their conditions.

For this reason, I am introducing the "Youth Jobs Act" with Senator BERNIE SANDERS of Vermont.

This Act directs the U.S. Department of Labor to provide \$1.5 billion in grants for states to provide summer and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth. States could then use these funds to identify employment opportunities in emerging occupations and in the public and nonprofit sector to meet their community's needs.

An additional \$1.5 billion would be distributed through competitive grants to states and local communities to provide on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs for low-income youth and disadvantaged young adults. The grant recipients would be strongly encouraged to develop partnerships with employers, community colleges, community organizations and join labor-management committees.

At minimum, every state would receive \$15 million to implement summer and year round job opportunities and training programs, with the remainder being targeted to areas of particularly high youth unemployment and poverty.

Ensuring there are adequate jobs for every American should be Congress' number one focus. I encourage my colleagues to support this measure to put America's youth to work.

FACT SHEET ON REP. CONYERS' YOUTH JOBS ACT

At a time when the youth unemployment rate is over 16 percent, and the teen unemployment rate is over 24 percent, we have got to do everything we can to make sure that young Americans have the jobs they need to pay for a college education and to move up the economic ladder.

The Youth Jobs Act that will be introduced in the Senate by Sen. Sanders will provide \$3 billion in immediate funding to employ hundreds of thousands of low-income youth and economically disadvantaged young adults in summer and year round jobs; and to provide young Americans with the job training and skills they need for the jobs of the future.

This legislation is modeled on the youth jobs and training programs included in President Obama's American Jobs Act.

The Youth Jobs Act would build on the success of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which created over 374,000 summer job opportunities during 2009 and 2010 to young Americans through \$1.2 billion for the Youth Jobs Workforce Investment Act program.

Under the Youth Jobs Act, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) would provide \$1.5 billion in grants to states to:

Provide summer and year round employment opportunities for low-income youth, with direct links to academic and occupational learning; and

Provide important services such as transportation or child care, necessary to enable young Americans to participate in job opportunities.

Each state that would like to participate in this program would have to submit a plan to DOL that must include:

Strategies and activities to provide summer employment opportunities and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, including links to educational activities;

Identifying employment opportunities in emerging or in-demand occupations;

Identifying employment opportunities in the public or nonprofit sector that meet community needs; and

An estimate of the number of youth expected to be placed in employment opportunities.

Under this legislation, DOL would also award \$1.5 billion in competitive grants to local areas to provide work-based training to low-income youth and disadvantaged young adults.

Through this bill, DOL will award grant applications to local areas that have the ability to:

Implement effective strategies and activities to provide unemployed, low-income youth and disadvantaged young adults with the skills needed for employment;

Provide opportunities for on-the-job training, and registered apprenticeship programs;

Provide connections to immediate work opportunities; paid internships; enrollment in community colleges; or basic education and training for low-income young adults; and

Develop partnerships with employers and employer associations, community colleges, and other postsecondary education institutions; community-based organizations; joint labor-management committees; and work-related intermediaries.

All states would receive a minimum of \$15 million to implement summer and year round job opportunities and job-training programs under this bill.

The remainder of the funding would be targeted to areas of high youth unemployment and poverty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday, June 13th, I was not recorded on one rollcall vote. I would like to state for the record that I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Vote number 221: On Agreeing to the Resolution on H. Res. 260—Providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

REMEMBERING GEORGIA STATE SENATOR NATHAN DEAN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of State Senator Nathan Dean, and thank him for his dedicated service to Georgia and his community.

Last Saturday our state lost one of the finest public officials it has ever seen, as Dean passed away at the age of 79.

Senator Dean was born in the town of Rockmart, which he called home throughout his entire life. After graduating from Rockmart High School in 1952, he attended Shorter College and then joined the U.S. Army. Thereafter, he answered the call to public service. Before his election to the Georgia Senate in 1974, Dean served for a total of 16 years on the Rockwall City Council and in the Georgia House of Representatives.

During his tenure in the State Legislature, he was named "Man of the Year for Civic Affairs" and "Senator of the Year." In addition to his responsibilities as a Senator, he was active in community organizations such as Piedmont Avenue Baptist Church of Rockmart; Rockmart-Aragon Little League; Rockmart, Cedartown, and Cartersville Chambers of Commerce; Polk and Bartow County Farm Bureaus; the Masons, Shriners, and Odd Fellows; the Northwest Council for Boy Scouts; Cedartown, Haralson, and Bartow County Historical societies; and mental disability programs.

I had the pleasure of working with Senator Dean on many occasions during my own time in the Georgia Senate, and came to know him as a very hardworking and effective advocate. Nathan was a role model for all public officials: he truly loved the people of his district and Georgia, and worked tirelessly to represent his constituents to the best of his ability.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Senator Dean's wife Ann; his two sons and daughters-in-law, Aland and Durand Dean and Scot and Keri Dean; his grandchildren Seven, Ana Scott, and Mason; his brother, four sisters; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews during these most difficult of times. Although we are now without this honorable man, husband, and citizen, we can take comfort in knowing that he made Georgia a better place to live.

CENTRALIA SENTINEL SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the sesquicentennial of the Centralia Sentinel. For 150 years, the newspaper has chronicled events large and small in and around the southern Illinois town of Centralia. It holds a special place in my heart, as the hometown paper of my namesake and grandfather, John Shimkus. His clothing store advertised for years in the Sentinel.

History tells us that the regional term "Little Egypt" arose from the poor harvest of the 1830s. Citizens of the North had to travel south to buy grain, reminiscent of the Biblical story of Joseph being brought "down to Egypt." A visitor walking into the reception area of the Sentinel is greeted with hieroglyphics on the wall, evoking images of an Egyptian tomb. However, those who have worked there know that the Sentinel is anything but tomb-like, frequently noting the family atmosphere, something long promoted by the newspaper's leadership.

I would like to congratulate owner Judith Joy, Publisher and co-owner John Perrine, Associate Publisher Thomas Joy, General Manager Dan Nichols, Senior Editor LuAnn Droege, Lifestyles Editor Michelle Pennington, Sports Editor Mike McManus, Office Manager Julie Copple, Circulation Director Ray Albert, Prepress Supervisor Terri Kelly, Mailroom Manager Cindy Estes, Pressroom Manager Mike Bell, and all associated with the Sentinel now and over the last 15 decades.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the Centralia Sentinel and offer my best wishes for the next 150 years.

CONGRATULATING SAINTS PETER
AND PAUL MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral as its congregation and church leaders join together in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The congregation, along with Parish Priest, Very Reverend Tome Stamatov, and the Church Executive Board, including President Thomas Traycoff, Vice President Alex Kutanovski, Vice President Dejan Risteovski, Treasurer Naumce Pejovski, Financial Secretary Stojan Trajkovski, Secretary Dimce Alekovski, and Diocese Delegate Nick Nochevich, will be celebrating with a weekend of events from July 12 to July 14, 2013 at the cathedral in Crown Point, Indiana.

Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral was consecrated on July 14, 1963 in Gary, Indiana, when a group of immigrants from Macedonia came together with the goal of preserving Macedonian culture and religious tradition. Saints Peter and Paul is known throughout the United States and Canada as the first official Macedonian church built in North America. The founders proclaimed the mission of their new church before the Indiana Secretary of State in Indianapolis, Indiana: "The purpose of this parish is to preach the word of God and take spiritual care of its members; to spread goodness, justice, brotherly love, and respect among its members."

The cathedral in Gary flourished for many years, and the congregation continued to grow. Due to an increase in membership, a new cathedral and cultural center were built in Crown Point, Indiana, in 1989, and are still in existence today. The members and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral played a major role in the establishment of additional churches throughout the United States and in Canada. Their determination, focus, and commitment laid the foundation for other Macedonian churches to come to life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral on its 50th Anniversary. Throughout many hardships and trials, the congregation and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul have dedicated themselves to

preserving Macedonian heritage, tradition, and spiritual beliefs. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR BEING
NAMED LIBRARY OF THE YEAR
AND MR. MATTHEW WINNER OF
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, FOR
BEING HONORED BY THE PRESIDENT
AS ONE OF TWELVE MUSEUM
AND LIBRARY "CHAMPIONS
OF CHANGE"

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Howard County Library System for being named Library of the Year, and Mr. Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change."

Each year, one of the 21,000 public and academic libraries in the United States, Canada and Mexico is awarded this prestigious honor. The winning library is one that "most profoundly demonstrates creativity, leadership and innovation in developing signature events and initiatives, particularly those that can be emulated by others." I extend my congratulations to CEO and President, Valerie Gross, and to her remarkable team of educators and support staff at the Howard County Libraries. It is the first library system in the entire mid-Atlantic region to receive this award.

My parents always stressed the value of libraries as a tool for learning and enrichment. Now, as a parent myself, I have tried to do the same with my children. In this regard, the Howard County Library System and its patrons truly set an example for communities and families throughout our country. It is comprised of six branches that serve over 280,000 residents. Remarkably, 90 percent of those residents have and use library cards. The library system has the highest borrowing rate per capita in the United States, with over 7 million items checked out annually. The library is at the center of the educational, cultural and social network of Howard County.

The success of the Howard County Library System is a testament to the dedicated staff and administrators of the library system, but also the commitment of the people of Howard County to the value of education and lifelong learning. Congratulations to the Howard County Public Library System, a 21st-century library system worthy of this distinguished honor.

I would also like to congratulate Howard County resident and public school teacher and librarian, Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change." Winner is the co-author of the forthcoming book, *Teaching Math with the Wii*, the "Busy Librarian" blog, and he was recently named a 2013 Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" in the category of Tech Leaders. Through his innovative thinking and dedication to captivating the attention and potential of our students through gaming and other popular technologies, Mr. Winner is a leader in his

field and making a real difference in his community. He is fully deserving of this recognition, and I offer him my thanks and congratulations.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
ADAM LEEMANS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adam Leemans of Port Byron, Illinois on his recent achievement as valedictorian of his class at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Adam completed his course of study at West Point with an emphasis on mechanical engineering and earned a 4.2 grade-point average. He also attained nine post-graduate honors for both academic and athletic excellence. In addition to his classroom success, Adam was the captain of the West Point triathlon team for two years.

After graduation, Adam will spend one month working at the Rock Island Arsenal, followed by one year working towards a master's degree in the United Kingdom. Following the completion of his studies he will report to Fort Leonard Wood for training and will eventually take over command of his own unit.

Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud Adam for his momentous achievement. His parents, Bonnie and David, along with his community should be extremely proud of this fine young man, and I wish him luck with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSAGE
OF THE TBI TREATMENT ACT
AMENDMENT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, thousands of our brave servicemen and women are returning from combat with severe cases of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), resulting in an inability to hold a job, properly care for their families, or in some cases, to overcome suicidal tendencies. As a nation, we have the responsibility for their care and recovery.

Currently, private healthcare providers across the United States are helping brain injury patients with new and innovative treatments, some of which have not yet been made available in Department of Defense (DoD) treatment facilities. In an effort to fix this delinquency, I introduced H.R. 2344, the TBI Treatment Act, in the House of Representatives.

The TBI Treatment Act would establish a 5-year "pay-for-performance" pilot program, not to exceed \$10 million per year, which would help expedite some of the new and groundbreaking treatments to our nations' active duty soldiers suffering from TBI and PTSD. Healthcare providers would be able to treat active-duty soldiers at no cost to the patient. The healthcare provider would be reimbursed by the DoD for providing the treatments, but only if the treatment is proven successful based on independent pre- and post-

treatment neuropsychological testing, accepted survey instruments, neurological imaging, or clinical examinations. Currently, soldiers and veterans suffering from TBI and PTSD are paying out-of-pocket for these innovative treatments. Lastly, treatments must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Secretary of Defense, and by an institutional review board operating in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In light of House consideration this week of H.R. 1960, The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year (FY) 2014, I was proud to offer the TBI Treatment Act as an amendment to the NDAA along with my friend and colleague from California, Congressman Mike Thompson. I am pleased to report that last night, the House of Representatives approved by voice vote the TBI Treatment Act amendment. This is a great victory for those suffering from TBI and PTSD and is an important step towards ensuring that our nation's soldiers receive the care and treatments they have earned and deserve. I hope that my colleagues in the Senate will also include the TBI Treatment Act when they consider defense authorization legislation.

COMBATING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, for the past year, my office has worked with a young female soldier who was raped while serving her country. Active US Army, she says that when she reported the crime, she was threatened and harassed.

The military's solution was to direct her assailant to stay away from her, which he ignored.

This woman acted bravely by reporting the assault—only about 10 percent of victims do—and the military failed her.

She is now AWOL: lost, afraid, without pay, without prospects—and without her justice. Her situation is far too common. And it's unacceptable.

This year's National Defense Authorization includes important reforms. It strips commanders of their authority to change or dismiss convictions and it expands legal assistance to victims.

The military must fully implement these changes and do all it can to ensure that its culture no longer tolerates sexual violence. The military must prosecute sexual abuse offenders and ensure victims have protection and support and the assurance of justice that all victims deserve.

End this shame on America and ensure that women "can be all they can be" in the U.S. military, without discrimination, harassment or fear of sexual assault.

HONORING CLARK BOYD FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF LEBANON

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, for more than one hundred years Rotary International has made it their mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Today, it is my honor to recognize one of Rotary's distinguished club presidents, Mr. Clark Boyd from Lebanon, Tennessee.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Clark served his country for more than a decade in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Today, Clark makes good on the promise to be a "good neighbor" to the customers entrusted to his care as a State Farm Insurance agent in Lebanon, where he also serves as chairman of the Wilson County Republican Party and president of his local Habitat for Humanity.

Under Clark's leadership, the Rotary Club of Lebanon generously donated \$6,000 to local and international non-profits, gave \$8,000 to the noble work of Rotary International and joined members of the local Kiwanis club to create a Lebanon youth baseball league. Additionally, the club was awarded the prestigious "STAR Club Award" and "Globe Club Award."

Apart from his service to Rotary, Clark evinces his devout Christian faith as chairman of the men's ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church, where he also serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Most importantly, Clark is the loving husband to his wife of eleven years, Jana, and a proud father to his two children: Wilson and Blair.

While Clark's tenure as president of Rotary Club of Lebanon will end this year, his passion for investing in the lives of others and serving his community will not. I congratulate Clark on an exceptional year as president of Rotary Club of Lebanon and honor him for his selfless example of service to others.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARK BURTON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Burton, who has served Northern California labor, specifically, Napa and Solano Counties, since 1978. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many outstanding achievements of Mark during his lifetime.

Mark Burton has touched the lives of many with dedication and grace. Evidenced since his early childhood; Mark's driven and compassionate nature laid the foundation for a legacy of inspiration to all who know him.

Mark was born in Richmond, California, on June 11, 1957; and Mark graduated from Pinole Valley High School in 1976, where he met the love of his life, Becky, who Mark later married and raised their two sons, Andrew and Adam, with.

Mark is committed to making the world a better place and his grace and ability to effectively communicate with people from all different backgrounds, he courageously stands up for what he believes is both fair and right not only in the workplace, but in life as well.

Mark's reputation for being dependable, fair, and loyal propelled Mark to become a foreman for Bechtel before joining the Local 3 staff as a Business Agent in 2000. Mark was promoted to District Representative for Napa and Solano Counties in 2006 and has dedicated his time to improving working conditions throughout organized labor.

Mr. Speaker, we are truly honored to pay tribute to our friend and dedicated public servant Mark Burton. We ask our colleagues to join with us in thanking Mr. Burton for his long and dedicated service to the citizens of Solano and Napa counties and wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors along with a happy retirement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JIM TEDFORD

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the retirement of Dr. Jim Tedford from San Luis Obispo, CA, who is a beloved pediatrician in the community.

Dr. Jim Tedford has resided in San Luis Obispo County for over 30 years. He graduated from UCLA Medical School in 1969 where he completed his residency at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He then worked as a pediatrician at the Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington, before opening his private practice in San Luis Obispo in 1975.

Beyond his medical practice, Dr. Tedford has a strong history of community engagement. He has participated in several prominent medical organizations including: the SLO County Medical Society, California Medical Association, Sierra Cascade Trauma Society, California Chapter 2 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the SLO Medical Foundation. Moreover, the First 5 of San Luis Obispo County has recognized him as a "Champion of Health" for his dedicated service.

On a personal note, Jim has always extended a gracious hand when working together on issues of importance to our community. I am pleased to honor Dr. Tedford as we recognize his contributions to pediatric medicine and wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month, and to reaffirm our commitment to fighting a potentially debilitating medical condition that afflicts over 7 million Americans.

National Scoliosis Awareness Month brings together all members of the scoliosis community, including physicians, patients, families, and businesspeople to raise awareness about this condition. Diagnosing scoliosis is a simple procedure that takes less than 30 seconds, and early detection allows physicians to monitor the condition and, if necessary, begin treatment before serious complications—including chronic back pain and impacted heart and lung function—even begin. Raising awareness is therefore crucial to the fight against scoliosis.

Between two and three percent of the American population suffers from scoliosis, and the number of family and friends who are impacted by this condition numbers many millions more. While serious complications of scoliosis are largely preventable, affordable care and public awareness are necessary in order to maximize the effectiveness of treatment. National Scoliosis Awareness Month promotes a positive public awareness message that elevates the visibility of scoliosis and empowers those individuals whose lives have been touched by this condition. It is a time for us to recommit ourselves to reducing its impact in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month, and in thanking organizations such as the National Scoliosis Foundation and the Scoliosis Research Society, as well as their many supporters, for making it all possible.

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR PILACHAI

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Arthur Pilachai of Boy Scout Troop 249 in Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Arthur has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Arthur and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

TRIBUTE TO HEDGESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2013 Hedgesville High School baseball team. The Eagles defeated Cabell Midland High School 4–2 to win the West Virginia Class AAA State Baseball Championship on Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Hedgesville High School is located in a rural part of Berkeley County, West Virginia, which is part of the district I represent. The school has claimed many state titles over the years, but one always seemed to slip away. The Eagles earned their first trip to the West Virginia State Tournament since 1974 by defeating Hampshire High School 4–3 in the regional final. They moved on to face Parkersburg South in the Class AAA semifinal game and defeated that team 6–3. This launched the Eagles into the title game for the first time in school history.

The Eagles found themselves trailing Cabell Midland at the beginning of the game, but soon rallied to a 4–2 lead and never looked back. The Eagles brought home the first baseball championship in Hedgesville High School history.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of West Virginia, I would like to congratulate the 2013 Hedgesville High School Eagle baseball team on their state championship. They have made their hometown extremely proud.

HONORING JANELLE BEDEL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the powerful voice of Janelle Bedel of Rushville, Indiana.

Janelle Bedel was diagnosed with Pleural Mesothelioma on May 1st of 2007. Since her diagnosis, and throughout her treatments, Janelle has been a tireless and strong messenger for mesothelioma and asbestos awareness. Mesothelioma is a cancer most commonly caused by exposure to asbestos fibers.

In recognition for Janelle's advocacy efforts in the community, the City of Rushville designated June 6th, 2013 as Janelle Bedel "Wonder Woman" Day. The city will also embrace Janelle's message on the urgent need for additional asbestos awareness by recognizing September 26th as Mesothelioma Awareness Day, which will coincide with the National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

In addition, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is joining in the recognition for Janelle's online and community awareness efforts by awarding her with the organization's Alan Reinstein Award, which is the highest honor ADAO presents. The ADAO works to eliminate asbestos disease through national education and advocacy efforts.

I ask the 6th Congressional District and entire State of Indiana to join me in keeping Janelle and her family in our thoughts and prayers and in celebration of her continued ef-

forts to raise awareness among our communities about the impact of this disease.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SBA'S NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the small businesses across our nation on the 50th anniversary of National Small Business Week. Small businesses are the backbone of our country—making up 50 percent of American jobs—and are essential to our economic recovery. It is our job as Members of Congress to provide support from Washington to small businesses by reducing unnecessary regulations and improving access to credit and small business assistance programs.

As a former small businessman, I am proud to serve on the House Small Business Committee and to use my prior experience to promote the interests of this vital sector of our economy. There is so much work to be done to help small businesses prosper. That is why I support legislation to create a stable business environment by passing a budget that reduces the deficit, simplifying the tax code for all Americans, and continuing to support essential small business assistance programs. To that end, the first bill I introduced was the Partnering with American Manufacturers for Efficiency and Competitiveness Act to foster more efficient manufacturing capabilities in small businesses, to promote competitiveness, and to create jobs. Having seen firsthand the havoc hurricanes can cause for small businesses, I also recently introduced the Small Business Disaster Reform Act to help small business owners recover more quickly in the wake of natural disasters.

Since coming to Congress, I have met with several small business groups, and recently hosted a small business roundtable in my district. I also have met staff from Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and SCORE, and I will continue to push for full funding for both of these organizations that play a crucial role in supporting small business growth. I ask my colleagues to recognize the significance of these organizations and the importance of preventing proposed cuts to SBDCs in the budget. We must also immediately consider legislation that creates jobs and those that help provide America's small businesses with new incentives to grow and hire.

This week represents half a century of recognition of the importance of small businesses and I am proud to join in commemorating National Small Business Week and thanking small businesses across the nation for the important work they do. They create jobs and stimulate the economy, all in the face of tremendous personal risk. I urge my colleagues to stand with me in support of small businesses and in creating an economic climate where they can thrive.

Mr. Speaker, on the 50th Anniversary of Small Business Week, it is clear that Congress still has much more work to do to help small businesses, but by working together we can better support the backbone of our economy to create jobs and continue on the path to economic recovery.

SNAP CUTS IN THE FARM BILL

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about the \$20 billion cut over the next decade to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, included in the reauthorization of the Farm bill and supported by some of my colleagues on the House Committee on Agriculture. SNAP is the cornerstone of our nation's nutrition assistance safety net and touches the lives of over one in seven Americans. To highlight the importance of this critical safety net, last week I participated in a one day SNAP Challenge by limiting my total daily food budget to \$4.50—the equivalent of the daily benefits received by individuals living in Michigan.

If these cuts are enacted into law, nearly 2 million low-income Americans will lose benefits and 210,000 children from low-income families will lose free school meals, which may be their only meal of the day. My colleagues claim that cuts are needed to reduce the federal debt. However, every major deficit reduction package signed into law over the last thirty years has always been negotiated according to the principle of not increasing poverty or inequality.

Moreover, families are already facing cuts to SNAP benefits. Under current law, the temporary boost in benefits provided in April of 2009 by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are scheduled to end on November 1. This expiration of enhanced benefits will cause a family of three to experience a \$20–\$25 month deduction in benefits, which amounts to a cut of \$1.40 per person per meal. This reduction, coupled with the draconian \$20 billion cut proposed in the Farm Bill, is simply cruel.

In 2007, 26.3 million Americans participated in SNAP nationally. In 2012, more than 46.2 million people received benefits—doubling of the number of participants in 2007. This is a testament to the fact that when people struggle to put food on their tables during an economic downturn, SNAP is able to respond to meet their needs. SNAP is our nation's most important anti-hunger program and we must protect it for the future sake of vulnerable children and families. I encourage my colleagues to stand up for low-income Americans and fight for this vital safety net.

HONORING JUNETEENTH,
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vallejo Juneteenth Celebration.

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, the Solano County African Family Celebration Committee marks the City of Vallejo's 25th anniversary of the Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth is the national observance of African American freedom from slavery in June of 1865. Juneteenth

is also a time to also celebrate the positive contributions of African Americans nationally and locally, and to promote a cultural connection of the observance as an opportunity to build strong communities through access to health services and education resources.

For over two decades the Solano County African Family Reunion Celebration Committee has served the community with its network of volunteers serving as the African American Family Reunion Committee, AAFRC.

The AAFRC has partnered with local non-profit and for-profit health care organizations to provide free health services to community. The Juneteenth celebration also emphasizes education as the key to a successful future and includes participation by local educational institutions and after school programs that seek to increase the number of African American students enrolling in college.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Juneteenth Celebration in Vallejo, California on the 25th anniversary of their momentous event. I join our colleagues in celebrating the African American Community of Solano County's rich history and wishing them a successful 25th year with many more to come.

HONORING HAROLD A. PETERSON
III**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Harold A. Peterson III, President/Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospice, Inc. who is retiring after 18 years of outstanding service to the Central Valley.

Community Hospice, Inc. is a non-profit, standalone Medicare Certified hospice headquartered in Modesto, with a branch office in Stockton, and a 16 bed inpatient facility; the Alexander Cohen Hospice House is located in Hughson, California. Community Hospice provided compassionate care to over 1800 patients last year and 260 patients on a daily basis. Beyond medical and nursing care; the organization provides bereavement support to those in the community who have lost a loved one. Additionally, Community Hospice operates six Hope Chest Thrift Stores, a logistics and recycling center, a durable medical equipment division, and the Community Hospice Foundation, which raises additional funds to support the hospice mission.

Prior to coming to Community Hospice, Mr. Peterson worked for 23 years in a Fortune 500 food manufacturing company. Harold has held positions from front line supervision to Senior Vice President of Distribution; a position he had held the last seven years.

In addition to a busy work schedule, Harold has a history of active involvement in the community. Following is a partial list of his participation: 17 year member of Modesto Rotary, Past Chair of the Stanislaus County Economic Development Company, Past Chair of the Stanislaus County Private Industry Council, Past Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties, Past member of the Board of Directors for the Hughson Cham-

ber of Commerce, Past Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Stanislaus County, Past member of the Board of Directors of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA), Past Chair of the Tri Valley Credit Union, and graduate of the 1990 Modesto Chamber of Commerce Leadership Modesto. Most recently, Harold has been a Supervisory Committee Member of the Community Trust Credit Union.

Harold has received many acknowledgments for his volunteer work, which include receiving the Hughson Business Man of the Year award in 2008, J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award in 1995 and the United Way President's Award in 1994.

Harold and his wife, Kathy of 42 years have three grown sons, and with their wives, five grandchildren. The Peterson family lives in Modesto, California. They enjoy playing golf and travelling in their motor home to visit family and friends. Harold is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of San Francisco in Organizational Behavior.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Harold A. Peterson III after numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

HONORING LEHMAN COLLEGE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am a graduate of Lehman College and I am proud of that. I have a Bachelors degree and a Masters degree and the education I received at Lehman College has served me well. I am proud of my Bronx roots and have had the honor of representing the Bronx for many years, first in the New York State Assembly and now in the U.S. House of Representatives. I was a member of the first graduating class of Lehman College in 1969 and in 1994 I was honored to give the commencement speech to the school's 25th graduating class.

The first office for which I ever ran was the Student Government at Lehman and the skills I honed there and as president of my fraternity laid a strong foundation for me as in my life in public service.

For four generations, Lehman College, and its predecessor, the Bronx branch of Hunter College, have given students a first-rate liberal arts education in preparing them for careers in teaching, business, social work, the health sciences and other areas. The school's more than 360 full-time faculty members represent a broad spectrum of scholarship in over 30 fields and includes seven Distinguished Professors, the highest rank attainable within City University of New York.

Lehman's more than 63,000 alumni are making important contributions to industry and organizations both professionally and within their communities here, and across the nation and the world.

Lehman has more than 90 graduate and undergraduate programs for the more than 12,000 students who enjoy some of the finest academic and athletic facilities available. These include state-of-the-art labs in biology, geographic information science, and new

media, and a world-class sports and recreation center on a 37-acre, tree-lined campus, which houses splendid examples of both Gothic and contemporary architecture.

Lehman College was established on July 1, 1968, as a senior college with its own faculty, curriculum, and administration. The College took over the campus that, since 1931, had served as the Bronx branch of Hunter College and is named after Herbert H. Lehman, the four-time governor of New York who later became a U.S. Senator.

On the undergraduate level, Lehman's General Education Curriculum provides a broad appreciation of the liberal arts and sciences in developing student abilities of both public and personal concern.

Dr. Ricardo R. Fernandez was named president of Lehman in 1990 and I have been proud to work with him during his tenure. He has expanded the College's commitment both to educational excellence and to access to higher education for the economically disadvantaged and he encouraged the development of new majors and degree programs. Under his leadership Lehman extended its educational partnerships into the international arena, and has become a major resource for the economic, cultural, and educational development of the Bronx.

As a graduate of Lehman College I am proud to acknowledge its contributions to the betterment of its students and its community. It is truly a treasure of educational development and innovation. When I needed a quality education at a rate that my family could afford, Lehman was there for me. Today its mission remains the same and I am proud that Lehman has been a part of my life.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,697,370,019.81. We've added \$6,111,820,312,106.73 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the newest addition to the Hoosier roster of designated National Historic Landmark sites, The Republic building in Columbus, Indiana.

The Republic building, which houses the city's local newspaper The Republic, was designated as the City of Columbus' seventh National Historic Landmark on October 16, 2012 by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. In the

designation, the Interior Department noted the significance of the building as "an exceptional work of modern architecture and one of the best examples of the work of Myron Goldsmith, a general partner in the firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and a highly respected architect, architectural theorist, writer and educator."

In the application for the National Historic Landmark designation, it was noted that "The Republic was a model for many of the ideas that shaped Columbus' downtown over the next several years . . . Forty years after it was completed, it remains a simple, simultaneously strong and elegant representation of the Modern style."

Columbus enjoys a rich history of significant works of architecture. The Republic joins six other instances of contemporary architecture designated as National Historic Landmarks, including the First Christian Church, the North Christian Church, the First Baptist Church, the McDowell Adult Education Center, the Miller House, and the former Irwin Union Bank and Trust building. With only 2,500 historic landmarks in the country, Columbus is notable for its unique concentration of nationally important landmarks.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the leadership, businesses, and citizens of the city of Columbus for their visionary leadership in architectural design and dedication to keeping these national landmarks living monuments to a shared history and prosperous future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as voting "aye" on rollcall vote No. 231, an amendment by Congresswoman MCCOLLUM to the FY 2014 Defense Authorization bill to prohibit funds from being used for certain professional sports sponsorships. This was inadvertent. I intended to vote "no."

On rollcall No. 231, I intended to vote "no." McCollum Amendment to H.R. 1960.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN D. KIMBROUGH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of John D. Kimbrough, who passed away on June 12, 2013. During his distinguished career in education and his military service, John Kimbrough served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals throughout the Gulf Coast. The loss of this great man is felt across the entire northwest Florida community.

Mr. Kimbrough was born February 17, 1945 in Chumuckla, Florida. In a true testament to his love of country, Mr. Kimbrough chose to serve in the United States Army. While serving, Mr. Kimbrough was part of the Reinforcement Control Group based in St. Louis, Mis-

souri and also served in Korea. After returning from his tour of duty, Mr. Kimbrough attended the University of West Florida. A born teacher, he used his degree to educate students in math and science and also served as a coach to further nurture and inspire the students of northwest Florida.

Many students and teachers whose lives were touched by Mr. Kimbrough mourn the loss of a man of devotion and unwavering compassion. Perhaps the greatest mark he left was his persistent service to his fellow man; when it came to repairing things, there was never a problem he could not solve. His contributions and service to our community along with his selfless and dedicated service to our great Nation will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Mr. John D. Kimbrough. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Addie; son, JJ; daughter-in-law, Kendra; grandson, Lucas; and all of his family and friends. He will be truly missed.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF EDWARD V. ROCHFORD

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Morris County Sheriff Edward V. Rochford for being awarded the 2013 Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America and the Patriots Path Council. After twenty-seven years of distinguished public service this recognition is well earned.

Sheriff Rochford is the top law enforcement official in Morris County, New Jersey, regarded as one of the safest counties in the country. He oversees the operation of the Morris County Correctional Facility which has been lauded as one of the "cleanest, quietest, most well run" correctional facilities according to the American Correctional Association. His office received the Triple Crown Award from the National Sheriffs' Association for being a fully accredited agency—becoming one of only thirty-four to earn this national distinction.

Sheriff Rochford's community service includes President and Executive Director of the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey and member of the advisory board of the Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Sheriff Rochford's continued involvement in fundraising to help minimize medical costs to families of children suffering from cancer recently earned him a commendation from the American Cancer Society. He was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Troopers Coalition in 2012.

Sheriff Rochford is an outstanding public servant who has continually demonstrated leadership. I congratulate him on his achievements and on his award as 2013 Distinguished Citizen of the Boy Scouts of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROBERT HOUSTON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. Robert Houston, who will be retiring from BAE Systems after 35 years of service.

Robert began his career in 1977 with FMC Corporation as a manufacturing analyst. Since then, Robert has traveled the United States and globe—from Iowa to South Carolina to Iraq. He first held positions like welder, shop floor supervisor and operations and human resources manager. After much hard work, he rose into line management roles. Prior to his current position, Mr. Houston served as the vice president and general manager for the legacy Steel Products and Readiness & Sustainment businesses. During this time, he also acted as the Anniston site executive.

In addition to working for BAE, Robert has been extremely involved in his community. Robert served as the first African American president of the Aiken Rotary Club and the first African American chairman of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce. Robert also dedicated time to working with Anniston schools on STEM programs and reading initiatives.

After his retirement, Robert plans to spend time with his family, including his grandson, Cameron. He also plans to vacation with his wife of 35 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join Mr. Houston's family, his colleagues and myself in both thanking Robert Houston for his dedication to the community and wishing him the best of luck in all of his future pursuits.

HONORING MS. TERRY LONGORIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Longoria of Napa County, California on the occasion of her retirement.

In 2002, Ms. Longoria concluded twenty-seven years of hard work and service to her community as Director of Napa County's Department of Health and Human Services. In that capacity she led 350 and employees managed a \$45 million annual budget, ensuring smooth operations within the agency.

Ms. Longoria also served as a founding Board Member of Napa Valley Coalition of Private Non-Profit Agencies, the founding Commissioner from Napa in the Partnership Health Plan of California, and the founding Commissioner from Napa in the Children and Families First Commission, working hard to promote wellness in the Napa Valley and deliver important services to our community.

Since her departure from Health and Human Services, Terry has worked with the Napa County Office of Education, NCOE, as the Director of Safe Schools Healthy Students where she oversaw comprehensive projects

aimed at addressing the needs of Napa students and their families.

Ms. Longoria has served on the Board of Directors for Child Start Incorporated, and as Chair of the Parents Council for the Boys and Girls Club. She is a member of the Bay Area Social Services Consortium, and the Board of Directors for Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity.

Terry has dedicated her life to providing services and support to her Napa community, especially to children and the disadvantaged. Terry has always looked for ways to help others and even her retirement party, which should be her moment in the sun, is at VOICES, so she can use her event as a fundraiser for this great organization.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Longoria has a long and distinguished career of service to others. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge her today and wish her well in her retirement.

HONORING THE INDIANA FEVER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Indiana Fever, my home-state WNBA team.

The Indiana Fever won the 2012 WNBA championship over the Minnesota Lynx, the first in the history of the franchise. This Fever team embodied the best of Hoosier basketball with a toughness and team effort that won fans over across the State. I was thrilled to join the team on June 14th as President Obama welcomed the newest champions in professional basketball to the White House.

Led on the court by Finals MVP Tamika Catchings and All-Star and Purdue University graduate Katie Douglas, the Fever won in postseason play with a strong defense and a never say quit mentality that helped them overcome adversity. These players overcame significant injuries and came together as a team to win the title after a regular season record of 22–12. Credit for this outstanding leadership goes to Head Coach Lin Dunn, a great ambassador of the game.

Owner Herb Simon, President Jim Morris, Chief Operating Officer Rick Fuson, and President and General Manager of Fever Basketball Kelly Krauskopf deserve special recognition for their leadership of this franchise from expansion team to WNBA Champions. We are lucky to have these leaders, coaches, and players so highly invested in our community.

I join the entire 6th district and Hoosiers across the State in congratulating the Indiana Fever for a fantastic and thrilling 2012 championship season. Fever fans statewide are looking forward to what this talented team will achieve this season.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF BETTY ANN BENTON

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of Mrs. Betty Ann Benton of

Pennington, New Jersey for her accomplished career in education. Betty Ann has taught for over thirty years as an elementary school teacher spending many years in Hopewell Township. There she introduced innovative programming and community outreach.

Betty Ann showed leadership in the classroom and her dedication led her to become the first Certified Reading Recovery teacher in the Hopewell Valley School System. Her notable service and accomplishments led to her recognition as Teacher of the Year in Hopewell Elementary School in 1994. Since that recognition she has been a role model to young educators. Betty Ann also introduced Hank, the Reading Therapy Dog, to the district, an idea acclaimed by students and parents that encouraged young, shy students to be engaged.

In addition to her distinguished work as an educator, Betty Ann has also demonstrated great commitment to her community through her involvement in the Healthy Communities Program and her time as a volunteer professional development instructor.

Betty Ann serves as an outstanding role model who has continually shown her dedication to her community through her students. I congratulate her on a long and distinguished career and congratulate her on her retirement.

THE "LIMITING INTERNET AND BLANKET ELECTRONIC REVIEW OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND EMAIL (LIBERT-E) ACT"

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, in light of the recent public revelations about the National Security Agency's extensive surveillance programs, today we are introducing bipartisan legislation that will curtail the excesses of these programs and protect our privacy rights. The "Limiting Internet and Blanket Electronic Review of Telecommunications and Email (LIBERT-E) Act" contains commonsense proposals to strengthen our civil liberties and hold our government accountable.

Specifically, the LIBERT-E Act provides for the following legislative changes:

The legislation reforms access to certain business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations. Section 2 of the LIBERT-E Act changes Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act in order to prevent the mass collection of business records that are not material to an authorized foreign intelligence investigation, an international terrorism investigation, or clandestine intelligence activities.

Currently, in order to obtain a Section 215 court order, the government need only show that the records are "relevant" to such an investigation. Recent reports suggest that the government's view of the "relevance" standard includes records of every telephone call on a given network. Section 2 of the LIBERT-E Act would also require that the government show that the relevance of these records to the investigation is based on "specific and articulable" facts, that the records are material to the investigation, and that the records "pertain only to individuals under such investigation." In addition, the section removes a list of

"presumptively relevant" records. The government should be required to show that the records it seeks are, in fact, material to a particular concern. The section also guarantees the recipient of a Section 215 order the right to challenge an accompanying gag order, and ensures notice and due process for any such challenger.

The LIBERT-E Act also requires additional disclosures to Congress and the public in Section 3 of the legislation. This section provides for greater accountability and transparency in the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. This section amends existing reporting requirements contained in Section 601 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1871) by requiring the Attorney General to make available to all Members of Congress the information currently provided to the House and Senate intelligence and judiciary committees. It also requires that the Attorney General make unclassified summaries of each "significant" decision, order, or opinion of the FISA Court available to the public within 180 days of their submission to Congress. Further, this section requires the Inspectors General of the Department of Justice and the Intelligence Community to report on the impact that acquisition of foreign intelligence has had on the privacy of persons located in the United States.

Lastly, the fourth section of the LIBERT-E Act requires that each assessment or review required under Title VII of FISA be submitted in unclassified form, with an unclassified index if necessary.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan measure, which protects our privacy and increases transparency in the government's use of these authorities.

H.R. 2217

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my earlier remarks describing the intent of Congress with regard to H. AMDT. 124 to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014. My amendment reads as follows: "None of the funds made available by this Act may be used in contravention of the First, Second, or Fourth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

The Department of Homeland Security, all of its officials, and all contractors and subcontractors working on its behalf or operating under inherently governmental functions shall respect anonymous speech. No funds shall be used to attempt the unmasking of anonymous speakers, unless two conditions are met. One, there must be probable cause that an anonymous speaker is engaged in criminal activities and two, a warrant from a court with jurisdiction over domestic matters must be issued. Warrants from the FISA court do not serve this purpose, as those courts have jurisdiction over foreign and not domestic matters.

It is the intent of Congress that the Department of Homeland Security, all of its officials, and all contractors and subcontractors working on its behalf or operating under inherently

governmental functions respect the freedom of the press, defining press as "every sort of publication which affords a vehicle of information and opinion" (per Justice Charles Evans Hughes). In any granting of press privileges, DHS is prohibited from distinguishing between media businesses with established track records and citizen publishing vehicles or blogs with partisan, noncommercial, or advocacy missions. DHS shall under no circumstances engage in prior restraint and shall respect the precedential value of *New York Times Co. v. United States* (1971). No citizen exercising first amendment rights shall be prohibited from publishing information by the use of funds appropriated in this bill.

It is the intent of Congress that a search under the Fourth Amendment is neither reasonable nor constitutional if, as the Supreme Court noted in *Katz v. United States*, (1) a person expects privacy in the thing searched and (2) society believes that expectation is reasonable. Considering the advances in electronic storage and retrieval technology, as well as the general trail of electronic residue left by any citizen using email, search engines, most forms of banking and commerce, VoIP, or use of the internet or mobile phones, it is the intent of Congress that the Department of Homeland Security, all of its officials, and all contractors and subcontractors working on its behalf or operating under inherently governmental functions should go beyond the so-called "third party doctrine" in protecting fourth amendment rights. Any examination without a person's consent to the Government (not a private party) of search engine records, e-mail, internet records, phone records, or information produced in the course of ordinary business is considered a search of that person's "papers and effects." The Department of Homeland Security, all of its officials, and all contractors and subcontractors working on its behalf or operating under inherently governmental functions are prohibited from using appropriated funds to engage in such searches.

It is not the intent of Congress that every form of surveillance that is technically feasible should be performed. Nor is it the intent of Congress that every form of surveillance that is somehow arguably within court precedent or some strained interpretation of a relevant statute should be performed. On the contrary, statutory authority for surveillance is to be construed narrowly, because all forms of government surveillance implicate and potentially impair or even destroy our privacy rights. It is never the intention of Congress that security concerns override constitutional rights—on the contrary, we take an oath of office to defend those rights. The Fourth Amendment makes it clear, not only by its wording but by its very existence, that the right to privacy is a fundamental part of the American experience. We cannot protect our liberty by snuffing it out—we cannot destroy our village in order to save it.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM J.
MILNE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true leader for his extraordinary

service in the United States Coast Guard, Captain William J. Milne. Captain Milne served his country for 38 years in the Coast Guard and on June 14, he will retire as the Director of Law Enforcement, Maritime Security, and Defense Operations Policy at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his commitment to service and to our country.

A native of Seattle, WA, Captain Milne graduated from Coast Guard Recruit Basic Training in 1975. His first assignment was as a Search and Rescue communications watchstander at Coast Guard Station Umpqua River in Winchester Bay, OR. During this assignment, he not only earned the distinguished SURFMAN designation, but was quickly promoted to Boatswain's Mate First Class in the Coast Guard and assumed the duties as Executive Petty Officer of the Station. Continuing his rapid promotion through the ranks, CAPT Milne was commissioned as an Ensign after completing Officer Candidate School in 1986.

As an officer, Captain Milne served on six Coast Guard cutters including serving as the commanding officer of the cutters *Cape Corwin*, *Redwood* and *Juniper*. He also served in numerous shore-based leadership positions including Coast Guard Liaison to the United States House of Representatives, and commanding officer of one of the Coast Guard's largest training commands in Yorktown, Virginia. In addition to completing some of the most challenging and demanding assignments in the Coast Guard, Captain Milne also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, an MBA and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Captain Milne is finishing his distinguished career as the Director of Law Enforcement, Maritime Security, and Defense Operations Policy. In this assignment, as well as his previous position as the Program Director for Maritime Counter-Terrorism, Captain Milne oversaw the development of Coast Guard strategic and operational policy vital to our Nation's maritime safety and security. In addition, he was a key leader in the development and management of the Coast Guard's Deployable Specialized Forces. His foresight, experience and judgment ensured these highly specialized forces were not only ready to deploy in response to national security threats, but were also prepared to protect the environment and provide humanitarian assistance to those in need. Most recently, CAPT Milne led the Coast Guard's response to the tragic terrorist bombings at the Boston Marathon, ensuring the Port of Boston was well-protected during the vulnerable days following the attack.

A highly decorated officer, Captain Milne's awards include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Department of Transportation 9/11 Medal for his service in New York City in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, and several other personal and unit awards.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and a grateful Nation, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Captain William J. Milne. There are few opportunities for us to recognize the accomplishments of those who selflessly dedicate their lives to the service of our country, and I cannot thank Captain Milne, his wife Martina, their two children, Dean and Lacey, and their eight grandchildren, with

three more on the way, enough for everything they have done and sacrificed to protect our Nation.

THE TRUE COST OF COAL ACT OF
2013

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce the True Cost of Coal Act, a bill that would address the negative impacts of coal transportation on both the local communities and American taxpayers.

Currently, plans are underway to develop coal export facilities in the Pacific Northwest that would exponentially increase the volume of coal being exported out of the region. The three proposed terminals—Gateway Pacific and Millennium Bulk Terminals in Washington

and Morrow Pacific Project in Oregon—would export over 100 million tons of additional coal per year. For a sense of scale, the U.S. coal exports in their entirety totaled 125 million tons in 2012. The new terminals would nearly double that total.

With these new plans come considerable burdens on the rail communities through which the coal would be transported, including environmental and public health considerations, worsening traffic congestion, and noise pollution, among others. However, without legislation like this, the taxpayers will be largely responsible for these costs. After all, coal and train companies are currently under no obligation to pay for mitigating the effects of transporting coal. That's why I am once again introducing legislation to hold them accountable for the costs that their activities incur.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA), the average price per ton of coal exports in 2012 was \$118 per ton; the EIA also estimates that in 2012 the cost to

ship coal from the Powder River Basin to the Pacific Northwest was only about \$20 per ton.

The True Cost of Coal Act of 2013 will impose a 10 dollar per ton excise tax on all extracted coal. This money will be used to mitigate the negative impacts of coal transportation and ensure the true cost of coal is paid for by the responsible parties—not the local communities and American taxpayers. The money is allocated to the affected States, who are in the best position to determine how best to use their funds. The Act also requires that trains transporting coal be covered or treated to ensure that no coal dust is released during transportation.

I have long been a champion of preserving the clean air and water that Washingtonians cherish. I am pleased to be continuing that work and hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Joint Strike Fighter.

SD-192

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine next steps in improving passenger and freight rail safety.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging

To hold hearings to examine reducing senior poverty and hunger, focusing on the role of the "Older Americans Act".

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine paperless Social Security payments, focusing on

protecting seniors from fraud and confusion.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security
To hold hearings to examine airline industry consolidation.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

SD-226

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold an oversight hearing to examine water resource issues in the Klamath River Basin.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 162, to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine sequestration, focusing on small business contractors.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel R. Russel, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine developing a skilled workforce for a competitive

economy, focusing on reauthorizing the "Workforce Investment Act".

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce

To hold joint hearings to examine the workforce of the United States Intelligence Community and the role of private contractors.

SD-342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 24

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine curbing drug abuse in Medicare.

SD-342

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Howard A. Shelanski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, and Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of General Services.

S-216

JUNE 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities for improving forest management on Federal lands.

SD-366

JUNE 27

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight
To hold hearings to examine contract management by the Department of Energy.

SD-342

POSTPONEMENTS

JUNE 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine extreme weather events, focusing on the costs of not being prepared.

SD-342